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MUSSOLINI HAS ALREADY TAKEN A DECISION AS REGARDS ITALIAN INTERVENTION IN THE WAR AND THE ONLY REMAINING UNCERTAINTY IS THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE WORLD, FRENCH POLITICAL CIRCLES AFFIRM.

GERMANS LOST 10 TO 1

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
In his broadcast last night on the brilliant rearguard action which permitted the successful withdrawal through Dunkirk, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that officers in the field estimated that the German losses in the last few days had been ten to one as compared with the Allies.—Havas.

INNER DEFENCE COUNCIL FOR U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
President Roosevelt is planning the organisation of an "Inner Defence Council" which would control the activities of Fifth Columnists in the United States.

The President has suggested that the Council work through the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the G-men).—Havas.

GERMAN ARMIES NOW SWINGING SOUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
Some regroupment of the German forces in France is now taking place and attacks along the line of the Somme and the Aisne and east of Montmedy are increasing in violence.

All attacks have been repulsed.—Havas.

40,000 CHILDREN SENT TO SAFER SPOTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Over 40,000 children were yesterday evacuated from East Coast ports to the Midlands and Wales.—Havas.

300,000 MEN OF B.E.F. BACK IN ENGLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
It is officially believed that 300,000 men of the B.E.F. have now been withdrawn from northern France.—Havas.

2,000 AMERICANS SAIL FROM GENOA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
It is reported from Genoa that the American liner *Manhattan* has left for

PARIS, TO-DAY.
Formal announcement of Mussolini's decision will most probably be preceded either by listing Italian claims, by armed mediation or by a peace offensive.

According to usually well-informed Vatican quarters no Italian decisive move should be expected before the end of the month.

Among various indications is a report that Italy has informed Yugoslavia she has decided to stop all deliveries of arms and munitions abroad, and that all war material contracts are henceforth considered suspended.

Meanwhile, Italy's desire to break off all contacts with the Allies is also seen in her decision to suspend Anglo-Italian talks regarding Italian radio propaganda in the Near East.—Havas.

Peace Offensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
While well-informed Paris and London quarters are resigned to the probability of Italy's entry into the war, maybe before the end of the present week, reports from Washington indicate expectations there that Mussolini will preface any act of belligerency by a further peace offensive.

If that fails, as it must, Washington believes, Mussolini will then make specific demands on the Allies involving the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Then he will move.

American opinion is that Italy's entry may not occur until the end of June.—Havas.

U.S. Representations

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Certain neutral States, notably the

HUNDREDS OF U.S. PLANES DELIVERED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
Some hundreds of war planes for the Allies were flown to Canada under the new Hull ruling yesterday.—Havas.

"SECRET WEAPONS!"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
Mussolini yesterday received Ettore Manzolini, chairman of the Rome society of metallurgical manufacturers, who presented to him "the newest war devices," according to an official communiqué.—Havas.

New York, with over 2,000 Americans from several countries in Europe returning home on the advice of American consuls.—Havas.

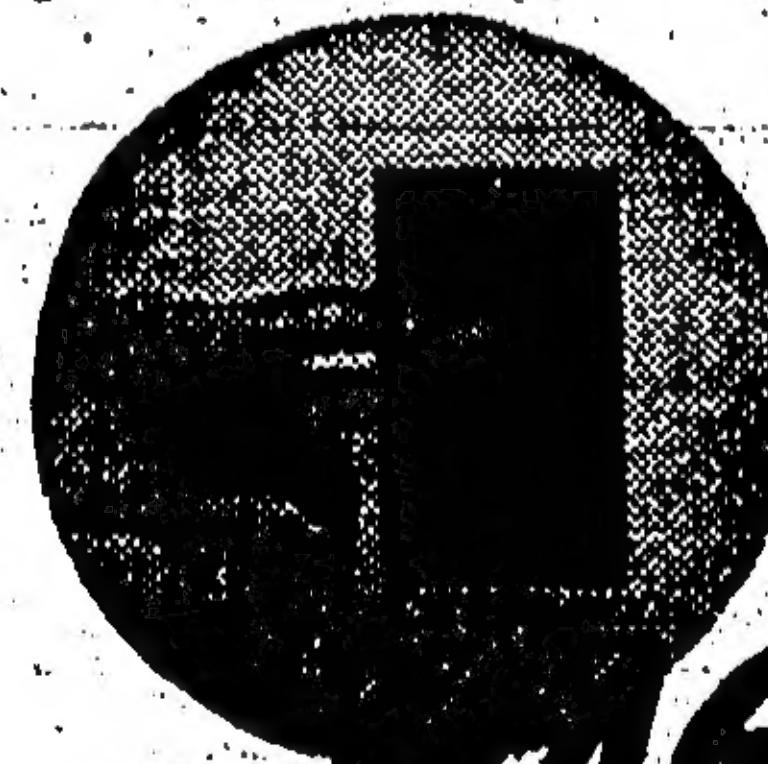
ITALIAN INQUIRY IN BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

Italy has inquired of the Balkan states whether they will stick to their neutrality should Italy be involved in a war in the Mediterranean. Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria are reported to have given a positive reply. It is not specified whether Italy made the same inquiry of Turkey. The information is given in the Hungarian newspaper "Magyar Nemzet."—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

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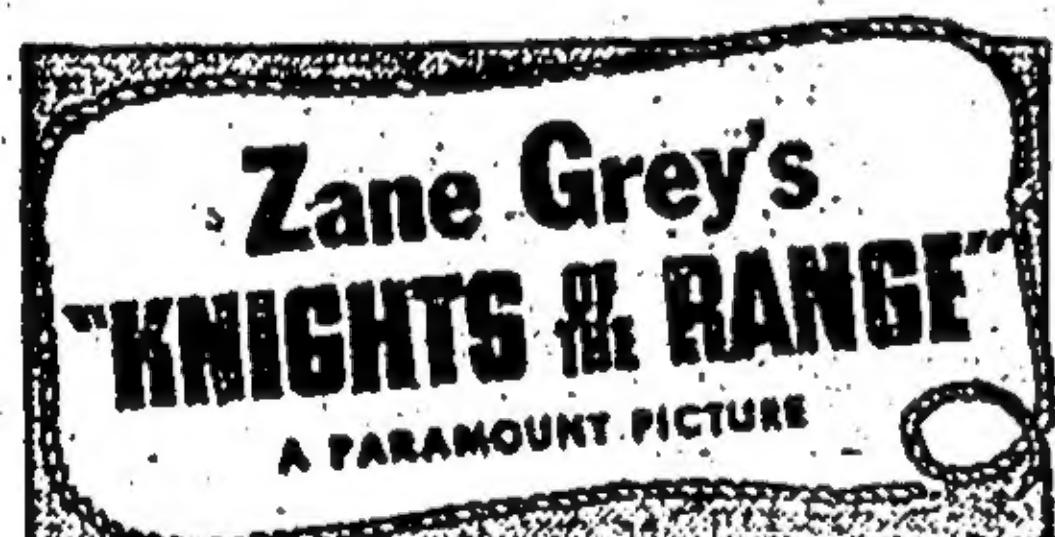


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ONE OF MOST AMAZING EPISODES IN HISTORY OF WAR

London, To-day.

LAST WEEK, WE WITNESSED one of the most amazing episodes in the history of war, said Captain Cyril Falls, military correspondent of "The Times," in a broadcast yesterday.

When he learned that the Belgians had laid down their arms, his heart sank, he said, for this meant huge gaps through which the Germans could go without opposition.

He asked a naval opinion of the possibility of retreat, and the answer he got was not encouraging. The Navy will never say a thing is impossible, but he was told in guarded terms that it would be very difficult to get them away and almost certainly very costly for both troops and ships.

During the last war, it was comparatively easy to break off an action and retire, without the enemy penetrating the lines. It was done again and again.

But it was never done in circumstances as apparently impossible as these.

The line was already broken by the defection of the Belgians, while German mechanised columns had reached the neighbourhood of Calais to the south. The bombing of the last war was trifling compared with this war's and it was to be expected that the Germans would make exceptional efforts to destroy the ships being used for embarking.

He defied anyone to have anticipated what has actually happened. It was brought about by perfect co-ordination of all arms.

Night Operations

The manner in which a fighting retreat is conducted is nearly always the same. While the rear-guards hold the enemy off, the others take up fresh positions behind them. At dusk the rear-guard is thinned out to the smallest possible number and then it follows back, probably to erect fresh defences behind the other line.

We had one thing in our favour. The German is a great soldier but night operations are not his strong point. When the British were retreating from Mons in 1914, they more than once heard the bugles sound and knew that they were safe for a while.

The French are good at night-work, or those troops of General Prioux would never have made their way to Dunkirk.—Reuter.

JAPANESE FORAGING FOR SCRAP

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Shanghai, Yesterday.

The rehabilitation section of the Japanese Naval Landing Party here appears to be hard up for metal since at least two cases of illegal procedure came to my notice yesterday.

Six Japanese soldiers with two trucks, practically emptied a German-owned factory in Liaoyang Road of all iron and steel and furniture yesterday, claiming that prior to the 1937 hostilities this plant was Chinese-owned.

The second case occurred when coolies under the supervision of a Japanese civilian who later turned out to be a scrap metal contractor for the rehabilitation section, busied themselves with the destruction of the concrete foundation of a steel defence gate in North Thibet Road owned by the S.M.C.

Police pointed out the gate was within the Settlement and belonged to the S.M.C. and after nearly two hours of negotiations the party left without worrying about the damage done to the concrete foundations.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMERICAN AID FOR BRAZIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Washington, Yesterday.

Aiming to establish United States participation in strengthening Brazil's national defence, important consultations are proceeding between the State Department and the Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Martins.

The parleys mainly aim at despatching an American air mission to Brazil to assist the work of the American air and naval missions already there.

To admit a larger number of Brazilian pilots in American training schools; and

To extend the commercial air lines of Pan-American Airways.

The War Department has requested air companies to provide detailed information of their equipment and facilities in Latin-America.

The War and Navy Departments are holding joint consultations as regards the national defence requirements of the entire American Hemisphere and not only Brazil.—Havas.

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BRITISH ARMY SECRETS FOUND IN FLAT

Scotland Yard officers are investigating the chance discovery of an important dossier of military secrets in a London flat.

The secrets, if in enemy hands, might have been of great value. The papers gave precise details of distribution and supply of munitions to the British Forces in action against the Germans.

Other military secrets were contained in the dossier as well as detailed maps.

The discovery was made when an A.R.P. official, inspecting a new flat to which he is shortly moving with his wife, moved a pile of magazines in a corner of one of the rooms.

"One glance at the papers was enough to convince me that they were of some military importance," the warden told a reporter.

"I at once sealed them in an envelope and took them to Scotland Yard.

"When I unearthed them I at once thought I had stumbled upon a spy mystery, but after a talk with the landlady of the flat in which I found the papers I learned that an Army officer formerly lived there.

"It seems to be gross neglect if an officer has left them about.

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"I believe I am contributing a ser-

vice to the country in handing them over for investigation.

"I have been told that the papers should not have been allowed to reach the hands of any member of the public.

"When I took the papers home I looked over them casually, but I soon realised that they were of military importance.

"There were no dates on any of the papers, although there were copies of correspondence between officers."

I.R.A. MEN TO AID EIRE

Dublin, To-day.

A thousand former Irish Republican Army members decided at a crowded meeting yesterday to march on Tuesday to the barracks and join Eire's national defence forces.

They declared the intention to defend their country against any invader.

The response to Eire's recruiting campaign throughout the country is similarly good.—Reuter.

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78 Nazi Planes Destroyed In One Day

Heavy Raids On Military Objectives In Germany

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES THAT 78 NAZI BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED OVER DUNKIRK BEACHES BETWEEN DAWN AND 7 O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY EVENING.

This sets a new day's record for our fighter pilots; 16 British aircraft are missing.

Squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires flew high above the French fens all day guarding convoys which were bringing the B.E.F. rearguard home.

Huge formations of Nazi bombers escorted by fighters attempted to sink the ships. They did not lack targets, for the sea was thick with craft of all kinds, but when they tried to bomb the ships, fighters attacked and drove them off and most of the bombs fell into the sea.

Many Junkers, Heinkels, Dorniers and Messerschmidts soon crashed into the sea after their bombs. Thirty-two of their fighters were certainly destroyed.

One Hurricane pilot disabled in combat landed on the beach, walked 15 miles carrying his parachute to Dunkirk, got a lift home to Folkestone in a paddle steamer, rejoined his squadron and was on patrol the next day.

Best Bag

Best bag on Saturday went to a Spitfire squadron which destroyed 12 German bombers and fighters in one short action, and later in the day went up again and shot down another six.

It was a bad day for Messerschmidts, for two British fighter squadrons alone accounted for 23.

On Saturday, medium bombers of the R.A.F. continued to support the rearguard action of the Allies in Flanders.

Repeated attacks were made on the enemy's communications, roads and bridges, as well as ammunition dumps and troops.

During the night, operations were continued by heavy bombers.

Raids In Germany

Other formations of heavy bombers attacked military objectives in Germany, marshalling yards at Hamm and Osnabrück being hit.

At Rheine, a column of motor transport was blown up and a bridge severely damaged.

All these operations were carried out without loss.

Three Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command, while engaged over Dunkirk on Saturday, attacked a formation of 40 bombers and shot down three, while two dived out of control and two others were damaged. All the Hudsons were unharmed.

At dusk other Hudsons successfully attacked Bergen (Norway) wireless station, set oil tanks on fire and bombed and machine-gunned supply vessels in the harbour.

Yesterday's Operations

Yesterday Fighter Command aircraft in the Dunkirk area continued offensive patrols.

Reports hitherto received show our fighters have destroyed 35 enemy aircraft and probably a further six. Eight of our fighters are missing.

One aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked a formation of four Heinkel bombers and shot down one. Two Coastal Command aircraft failed to return.



REFUGEES LEAVE FOR NEW HOMES — Many of the refugees from Holland and Belgium who have arrived safely in London have left for their new homes where they are to be billeted. Photo shows refugees boarding buses en route. (Air Mail. Copyright).

NEUTRALITY ADVICE TO SPANIARDS

"Nobody shall force Spain to follow a path Spain does not want to follow," says the Spanish Catholic organ Ya in an editorial popularly regarded as representing the real views of the man in the street. This was particularly so after all the recent reports that Spain might find herself involved in the war.

These rumours have now considerably abated, despite the intensification of German propaganda both in the Press and from other sources. Ya added that the best way of maintaining neutrality was to follow Gen. Franco's word of command exclusively.

1.31 INCHES OF RAIN

Another 1.31 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning, bringing the total for the year to 35.86 inches, or 11.85 inches above normal.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is now highest over the Pacific to the south-east of the Bonins; it has increased considerably over Japan, the Loochoos and the east coast of China. Depressions are situated near Shantung and Hokkaido.

ENTERED MINE AREA

Four Chinese boatmen were charged before Commander J. Jolly, Deputy Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning with entering the minefield in North Lantau Channel yesterday.

They were fined \$10 or 10 days' imprisonment. An additional fine of \$10 was imposed on one man for failing to stop when ordered to do so by the police.

PARIS NOW IN THE WAR ZONE

Paris, To-day. Among signs that Paris is officially part of the war zone are more policemen supplied with portable machine-guns to combat Fifth Columnists. Telephoning from public call offices and restaurants is forbidden. — Reuter.

BASUTOLAND GIFT

Maseru (Basutoland). Yesterday Natives, Europeans and Indians here have sent £10,000 to the British Government as the first voluntary contribution from the population of Basutoland towards the prosecution of the war. — Reuters.

SWISS BRING DOWN THREE NAZI PLANES

Paris, To-day.

A third German bomber was brought down by Swiss fighters yesterday.

Two others were brought down on Saturday on their way to the Rhone Valley, and later this particular formation was attacked by the French, who brought down four, or possibly five, more.

It is now learned that at least 56 were killed and 100 injured in Saturday's raids on the Rhone Valley. Four planes were brought down at Marseilles, where the harbour was bombed and a British ship was hit.

On their way back, the Germans encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire in Alsace. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The Swiss General Staff announces that Swiss patrol planes shot down a German bomber near Yverdon in the Jura Mountains. — Havas.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 3, 1915.

Strong attacks at Przemysl have been repulsed.

The Italians have firmly occupied a ridge in Montenegro, 7,000 feet high across the Isonzo; they have thus penetrated the main Austrian barrier of defence.

The Kaledvala Line s.s. Saidies has been torpedoed in the North Sea; seven seamen and a stewardess were drowned.

There has been close hand-to-hand fighting on the north fort at the Dardanelles.

Brigadier-General Philip Chetwood has been wounded.

DEFENCE REGULATIONS BROKEN

Chow Sow-ying, 27, was charged before Mr. H. Edwards this morning, with breach of the Defence Regulations.

Defendant was found in possession of four letters, for the purpose, it was alleged, of sending them out of the Colony, otherwise than through the General Post Office. He was on board the s.s. Shireland.

Defendant was remanded 48 hours, on bail of £2,000.

FOUR-FIFTHS OF B.E.F. SLIP TRAP

LONDON, To-day.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY FOR WAR, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, SAID THAT IN THE BATTLE FOR THE CHANNEL PORTS GERMANY HAD MADE GREAT STRATEGICAL GAINS.

The loss to us in equipment and material had been heavy but the bulk of the B.E.F. had been saved.

"We have been able," he asserted, "to bring tens of thousands of our French allies with our own men. Four days ago none dared to hope that the isolated armies could have fought their way to the coast.

"The German High Command proudly announced that they were surrounded but the British troops proved themselves superior to the Germans whenever they met.

"On at least two occasions at Arras and the Ypres canal German losses were enormous.

"The German strategy was foiled despite the surrender of the Belgian army.

Four-Fifths Saved

Four-fifths of the B.E.F. has been saved. Their spirit has won through." Mr. Eden added that at one time nine British divisions held a front of 80 miles.

He concluded with a call to the people to work as they had never worked before.—Reuter.

Four days ago not one of us would have dared to hope that the isolated Allied armies could fight their way through the bottleneck to the coast. It is the spirit of the B.E.F. that has won through. These men have marched a hundred miles. They have fought countless actions with an enemy that hemmed them in, pressed upon them, from three sides.

Rearguard Actions

After describing the sequence of events since, at the call of the King of the Belgians, the B.E.F. advanced into Belgium and took up its position on the River Dyle, and telling the story of rearguard actions by which the force fell back on the ports, Mr. Eden said:

"From the moment of the collapse of the Belgian Army there was only one course left to the Allied armies—to hold the line round Dunkirk, the only port that remained and to embark as many men as possible before their rearguards were overwhelmed.

Thanks to the magnificent, untiring co-operation of the Allied Navies and Air Forces, we have been able to embark and save more than four-fifths of that B.E.F. which the Germans claimed to have surrounded.

The armies' debt to the Royal Navy, the merchant navy, the Royal Air Force and the French Navy can never be forgotten.

Seasoned Veterans

"We have been compelled to destroy much valuable material. We have suffered casualties. Once again our ally has to bear the invasion of the sacred soil of France.

But the Germans, in spite of the huge losses we know they have suffered, have failed in their main object—to surround and annihilate the Allied Armies in the North.

The B.E.F. still exists, not as a handful of fugitives but as a body of seasoned veterans. We have had great losses of equipment. But our men have gained immeasurably in experience of warfare and in confidence.—Reuter.

SLIP FROM THE NAZI GRASP

New York, Yesterday.

Commenting on the evacuation of Allied troops from Flanders, the "Herald-Tribune" military correspondent writes:

"It is three days since the Germans proclaimed the destruction of the Allied armies to be a matter of a few hours; it is a week since the German official communiqué was discussing the evacuation by sea with the confident remark 'Our dive bombers will take care of that.'

"But the evacuation proceeds and the dive-bombers are not taking care of it though they are trying very hard.

"The German air force is unable to stop the withdrawal because it is being adequately opposed.

"In Norway and Poland the German air force accomplished wonders because there was no opposition worthy of their name."—Reuter.

KILLED IN ACTION: DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

London, To-day.

It is announced that the 27-year-old Duke of Northumberland has been killed in action.—Reuter.

GERMANY CALLING FOR AIR REPLACEMENTS

London, To-day. Reuter learns that for the first time since the outbreak of war all German stations are broadcasting an appeal to German youth to enlist in the air force as pilots, wireless operators and gunners. Recruiting offices have been established in Berlin, Vienna, Hanover and Munich.—Reuter.

TWO BOMBS DROPPED IN NORFOLK

London, To-day. The Air Ministry announces that early yesterday morning an unidentified aircraft passed over Norfolk. Two bombs from the plane fell in open country.—Reuter.

SPAIN, ITALY, GIBRALTAR

Paris, To-day. A Madrid telegram declares that according to authoritative Spanish circles, Italy's entry into the war would not alter Spain's position of non-belligerency.

It is stated the anti-British reactions regarding Gibraltar were merely an expression of youthful feeling and should not be interpreted as public approval of Italy's attitude.—Reuter.

BRIGADE COMES THROUGH EVERYTHING

London, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that a British infantry brigade which embarked yesterday morning from a beach north of Dunkirk had been in the midst of the fighting in Flanders throughout.

The brigade was among the troops which led the advance into Belgium. It fought in the rearguard from the furthest point reached by the B.E.F. to the gates of Dunkirk.

The Brigadier when he landed in England said: "My men never once gave way. They beat back every German attack and every time they retreated it was when ordered and only as far as ordered."

In one day the Brigade marched over 40 miles in 24 hours.—Reuter.

THE POPE'S APPEAL

Vatican City, To-day.

The Pope yesterday addressed an appeal to all belligerents to respect the laws of humanity and international rules in their conduct of the war.

He referred particularly to the treatment of non-combatants in countries invaded by Germany.

He spoke also of the unavailing efforts he had made for the maintenance of peace and expressed the earnest hope for a peace that was just, honorable and lasting.

The Pope was replying yesterday to the congratulations of the Sacred College of Cardinals on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Eugene, his patron saint.

His Holiness drew a tragic picture of the horrors and sufferings of the war in Europe.—Reuter.

SON FOR CROWN PRINCESS OF GREECE

Athens, To-day.

The Crown Princess of Greece yesterday gave birth to a son. Both are doing well.—Reuter.

TO DEMAND INDEMNITY

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The Argentine Government has decided to demand satisfaction and an indemnity from the German Government for the sinking of the steamer Uruguay by a Nazi U-boat.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD



"Nothing's wrong with the tire—my wife just likes to change things around the house."

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Louvain, Martyr City of 1914, has once more been bombed and shelled to ruins. Here is a mother, with head bowed on her baby, leading refugees through a shattered street in Louvain. (Air Mail. Copyright).

OLDER U.S. PLANES FOR ALLIES?

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt is considering a proposal, it is reliably reported, purpose of which is the immediate delivery to the Allies of some of the older planes now being used by the Army and Navy.

Among planes the transfer of which is suggested are 200 twin-engined bombers belonging to the Army Air Corps which are being replaced by more modern types.

There are another 300 planes of various classes which might also be transferred.

The law forbids the Government to sell obsolete equipment abroad, and it is therefore proposed that the machines be traded in to manufacturers against new models under order. Actual sale to the Allies would then be made by the manufacturers. — Reuter.

SWEDEN'S DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

Stockholm, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Hansson, speaking at the Social-Democratic Party Congress yesterday, reaffirmed that Sweden had not been threatened by the belligerents.

He added, however: "Nevertheless it is impossible for us in any way to reduce our defence preparations as the defence of our neutrality is the same thing as the defence of our liberty and independence." — Reuter.

H.K. WAR TAX FORM REQUIREMENTS

Even if they are not liable to pay tax, residents in receipt of War Tax Return forms, issued during the week-end by the War Tax Department, must fill them in and return them to the Department, stated Mr. T. Black, Commissioner of War Tax, this morning.

BLITZKRIEG FAILS IN MAJOR AIM

New York, To-day.

AN ARTICLE BY PAUL A. TIERNEY, war editor of the "New York Post," states: Now it may be said with full confidence that the German blitzkrieg has failed in its major objective.

Chief purpose of the drive was to obliterate the Allied armies in the north in such a manner as to take the heart out of the British and make the French amenable to a separate peace.

One fact stands out—the grinning faces of Tommies photographed aboard transports is eloquent testimony that the British spirit is far from broken, and that these men will return to the battle.

Moreover, the fact that the fighting is again on soil fought over in the Great War has stiffened French resistance and not weakened it.

So the Germans have won the battle but only at terrific cost to themselves. — Reuter.

FINNISH WAR LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsingfors, To-day. The official casualties list in the Finno-Russian War shows that the Finns lost 68,408 men, wounded and killed, the number of dead being nearly 20,000.

Observers recall that M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, himself admitted that the Finnish losses amounted to less than one-fifth of the Russian losses. — Havas.

OPERATIONS IN THE NARVIK AREA

London, To-day. A Norwegian communiqué says pressure against the German positions at Ofoten continues north and south of Narvik inner fjord and north of Narvik peninsula. — Reuter.

MORAL FEAT OF THE EVACUATION

Berne, To-day.

The "National Zeitung" says the tremendous moral feat of the retreating Allied armies gives evidence of the inner powers of resistance by leaders of men and cannot be over praised.

Such fulfilment of duty under hopeless circumstances against uninterrupted attacks from all sides cannot be achieved by mere superficial discipline.

The explanation lies rather in the inspiring preservation of strength of character, having its roots in the virile determination and internal self-confidence of each individual soldier.

The great rearguard action in Flanders, which was not a senseless battle of despair but an action of conscious and disciplined self-sacrifice, has brought back to the comfortless and horrific picture of modern warfare something of the nobility of classic heroism. — Reuter.

MADRID INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day. The Home Minister, Serrano Suner, is alleged to have himself ordered the anti-British demonstrations on Saturday, and the outburst was an expression of the feelings of the extremist section of the Phalanx Party.

Some circles deny the demonstrations can be interpreted as expressing the official Spanish attitude, which, it is stated, will remain unchanged should Italy enter the war. General Franco, it is declared, has firmly decided to preserve non-belligerency. — Havas.

50,000 BELGIAN REFUGEES CONDEMN LEOPOLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Fifty thousand Belgian refugees in the small rural town of Brives yesterday staged a patriotic demonstration expressing gratitude to France and the Pétain Government. They later condemned Leopold and placed a wreath on the town's war memorial. — Havas.

BRITISH WAR REFUGEES

London, To-day. Sir Neville Henderson, last British Ambassador to Germany, in a broadcast last night on behalf of the British War Refugees Fund, said there were now thousands of homeless Britons.

Many were in the most pitiable condition, and their sufferings while remaining home wrings our hearts. Many of the refugees, he said, are government, school teachers and professors and it is difficult to find posts. — Reuter.

WAR ENTERS ON PERIOD OF "EXPECTANCY"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE REMAINDER OF THE British troops and some French and Belgian forces are being feverishly embarked at Dunkirk day and night under the protection of forts scattered around Dunkirk, of heavy guns hastily brought to the surrounding sand dunes and of units of the British and French navies.

The embarkations are proceeding not only at Dunkirk but also at smaller harbours in the immediate vicinity.

The maximum amount of equipment is also being evacuated, that remaining being rendered useless.

French military quarters naturally refrain from giving detailed information on the subject but it is declared the number of evacuated troops is "considerable" and will be communicated to the press when the operations are complete.

Meanwhile the whole length of the front, from the Somme to the Rhine, is calm, broken only by a few incidents.

In the sector east of the Moselle there was slight artillery activity which provides no clue to future developments, and the present period is considered a period of expectancy.

More Air Raids

As regards the German air raid on south-east France, the authorities state the planes which attacked Marseilles first passed the Rhone Valley and then flew out to sea so as to fly over Marseilles as if coming in from the sea; apparent aim was to create confusion.

Yesterday a third Nazi air raid occurred in south-east France, the planes attacking the same points as on Saturday.

Conditions are difficult in the Flanders/Dunkirk area because German long range artillery is now shelling the beaches, said a French spokesman last night.

Despite this, however, operations have been unimpeded, thanks to the calm and discipline of those re-embarking and the brilliant rear-guard action.

Air Losses

A certain number of Allied merchant ships were hit by bombs on Saturday but the German losses have been tremendous.

One infantry division put 34 Nazi machines out of action, and the air force 149 in two days.

These figures, said the spokesman, give an idea of the losses the enemy is sustaining, although he continues to dispose of superior means.

On Saturday, the Germans tried to cross the Somme at one point in rubber boats.

This attack was "immediately neutralised," said the spokesman.

Heavy German artillery is pounding away west of the Moselle, west of the Vosges and in Alsace. French heavy artillery is maintaining its barrage on communications parallel to the Rhine.—Havas.

To Impress Italy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Now, at a time when the question of Italy taking a decision in the near future to abandon her present attitude for one of active belligerency is urgent, it is obvious the Germans want to show the Italians that they are in a position to support any action in the south-east of France, said a French spokesman yesterday. Hence the raids on Saturday.

At the same time, the Nazis did not hesitate to create an equivocal incident. In the raid on Marseilles, the planes did not come from

FLIGHT IN EGYPT

The news that Air Marshal Balbo, the Governor of Italian Libya, intends to cross Egypt shortly on his way to Abyssinia on a big game hunting expedition is causing some concern in Cairo in view of the attitude which the Italian Press continues to display against the Allies.

It is also remembered that the last two visits of the Marshal were marked by a strange aberration on the part of his pilots, who, on each occasion, flew "accidentally" over Egyptian military aerodromes.

In addition, at the end of his last visit, Marshal Balbo gave an interview to a leading Arabic daily in which he strongly criticised Egypt for increasing her Army and fortifying her western frontiers. In consequence, his untimely predilection for hunting has not passed unnoticed.

U.S. SELLS YACHTS TO CANADA

It is learned that the United States Maritime Commission has been asked to approve the transfer to Canadian or British registry of at least 15 American yachts and has already given approval in 12 cases.

While it is believed that these vessels will be used to strengthen the Canadian coast patrol service, the sales are officially being made to individuals for pleasure purposes.

Among the craft concerned are Brig.-Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt's 225ft Winchester, the Avalon built in 1931 for the late Mr. Ogden Mills, and the 260ft steam yacht Aztec owned by Mrs. Alice Burrage, of Boston.

BORDER TENSIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Riga, To-day. General Berklis, War Minister and Chief of Staff of the Latvian army, has left for Moscow on the invitation of the Soviet Government.

Although no definite motive for the visit has been published, observers here connect the trip with the military measures being taken by Russia on the Latvian-Estonian frontier, and the general feeling of uneasiness prevailing in the Baltic countries following incidents involving Russian soldiers garrisoning Lithuania.—Havas.

the north but from the sea. No one was misled, but its political significance is not overlooked.—Havas.

"U.S. MUST AID ALLIES"

"The only way in which the war can end with any hope of permanently peaceful conditions is by victory for those who are fighting for the right of democratic countries to live," declared Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, vice-chairman of J. P. Morgan and Co., at Dallas, Texas. He added: "The more we can help the Allies to obtain here their absolutely vital supplies of American agricultural and industrial products the more will war be kept away from our own borders and the sooner will the conflict end."

MILLIONAIRES IN BRITAIN

107 More In A Year

Millionaires are on the increase in Britain, and the latest figures show an addition of over 100 in a year. This is disclosed in the report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the year ended March 31, 1939.

Taking millionaires as persons with incomes exceeding £30,000 a year, the number of these, based on 1937-38 figures, the latest given in the surtax assessment, is 1,024, an increase of 107 on the previous year.

In the year under review the number of people liable to surtax rose to 102,022, an increase of 3,280. With incomes exceeding £2,000 a year, they had an aggregate income of £521,471,169, compared with 98,732 persons receiving £497,194,137 in 1936-7.

SOLDIER BOUND OVER

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Lance Corporal George Downie, of the Royal Scots, was bound over to be of good behaviour for one year, when convicted of assaulting a Chinese woman.

Pte. George Bain, in evidence for the defence, said he was with Downie on the night of the alleged incident. They went to the "Black Dog" at about 10.45 p.m. and he was with Downie all the time till they went back to barracks.

Second Lieut. Jones of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, said defendant had been with him in the same company for six years. His conduct was excellent.

Downie was ordered to pay \$50 compensation to complainant.

CUT IN MANCHUKUO COTTON MILL OUTPUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day. Manchukuo's cotton mills will curtail production by 84 per cent. in June instead of 64 per cent. in May. The decision was taken by the Manchuria Raw Cotton Association as the result of difficulty in obtaining raw materials.—Havas.

U-BOAT SUNK BY MINESWEEPER

The destruction of a U-boat by a British minesweeper is disclosed by the announcement of the award of the D.S.O. to Lt.-Cmdr. H.P. Price, R.N., of H.M.S. Gleaner.

The award, made for "outstanding readiness, proficiency and skill in destroying an enemy submarine," was recorded in a supplement to the London Gazette.

ITALY'S THREAT TO INTERVENE: BRITISH COMMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REPORTS CONTINUE TO REACH LONDON OF MANIFESTATIONS IN ITALY OF A BELLIGERENT TENDENCY AND IN A SENSE HOSTILE TO THE ALLIES.

For some time now, official quarters in London have not felt able to deny that Italy's early entry into the war on the side of Germany must be considered possible.

It is, however, a very unusual and unwelcome situation that the British Government, which is not conscious of any difference between itself and the government of Italy incapable of solution by discussion, should, nevertheless, have to contemplate the likelihood of hostile action by that country.

The Anglo-Italian Agreement freely negotiated in 1936 is a standing proof that the relations and interests of the two countries in the Mediterranean and East Africa are capable of mutually satisfactory regulation without recourse to war.

The Italian Government has had good reason to know for a long time past, the readiness of both the British and French Governments to discuss all legitimate Italian aspirations, but it has shown no desire to enter into conversations.

Only recently the outstanding difficulties arising from the application to Italy of the Allied Contraband Control were made the subject of discussion between British

and Italian experts and after the recent visit of the Master of the Rolls to Rome, it was confidently believed from the British side that agreement had been reached.

But this was subsequently repudiated from the Italian side.

Italy's Responsibility

If, therefore, Signor Mussolini chooses to bring the Italian people into war and accept the responsibility for extending the hostilities and adding to the toll of life and the area of devastation, it must be clear that it is for some motive which lies outside the interests of Italy or her relations with Britain and France.

Any such decision will cause the deepest regret in Britain for all that it will destroy in goodwill and friendship between the British and Italian peoples but the prospect does not intimidate Britain in her determination to wage a successful conclusion to the war against German aggression and will to dominate—British Wireless.



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"I say — look! Quarter to eleven! Where's the ring? Where's my hat? Is the car ready? Is my tie all right? — Hurry up, hurry up. Where's my — oh, here it is — QUICK!"

ROSE'S LIME JUICE — THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ON SUPPRESSING OPINION

If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind. Were an opinion a personal possession of no value except to the owner; if to be obstructed in the enjoyment of it were simply a private injury, it would make some difference whether the injury was inflicted only on a few persons or on many. But the peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is, that it is robbing the human race; posterity as well as the existing generation; those who dissent from the opinion, still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth; if wrong, they lose what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error." — John Stuart Mill.

cept criminals? Any peace made on that assumption would leave Europe and the world a gloomy future. It would be shutting our eyes to the real and difficult problem, that of bringing the Germans back to their place beside other civilised peoples and working with them for the general good. If it were not wrong, the practical difficulties of treating Germany as though she were composed of eighty million malefactors are enough to make it impossible. The French, though they supported him enthusiastically, never bore the guilt of Napoleon's conquests, and whole peoples can never be accused with justice. The Germany that we are fighting has indeed now to be treated as a united enemy and as such to be defeated. But to condemn an entire nation, from top to bottom, root and branch, is to fall into the totalitarian delusion; it is a refusal to recognise individuals apart from the community. — "Manchester Guardian."

MR. HULL "AGREES"

When Mr. Hull describes the Netherlands Indies as of interest to many countries and as an important factor in the commerce of the whole world, he states the broad basis of those islands' security. So important are they to United States commerce, for example, that their owners, the Dutch, have always banked on the probability of the United States Navy's taking at least an indirect part in their defence.

Mr. Hull's statement was in reply to one by Japan's Foreign Minister, Hachiro Arita. It was a most necessary reply, although Mr. Arita had said something which sounded very similar. Mr. Hull added, in effect, that he expects Japanese actions to prove that Mr. Arita means the same thing that the United States means when these two countries talk about the East Indies.

But both Washington and Tokyo have avoided the "acute angle" in their discussion. So far, there is no question of "face" involved. Mr. Hull has spoken in time to prevent such a question's arising.

Japan already has a considerable economic foothold in the islands. What it particularly needs from them is raw materials. The United States has a similar interest, and another which arises from the position of those islands on world-trade routes which are important to American shipping. Neither country would be pleased with the prospect of engaging in

warfare there.

Even with Britain busy elsewhere, these islands present no easy "grab" for Japan so long as other large powers assert their interests in them. Naval operations in that area, even for Japan, are long-range operations. And it is unlikely Japan could balance merely by possessing them—the great economic embarrassments which might follow a further sudden deterioration of Japan's commercial relations with the United States.

So Mr. Hull and Mr. Arita—while probably not meaning quite the same thing when they use the same phrases—yet have many reasons to suppose that their definitions of the position of the Netherlands Indies are at least reconcilable. — "Christian Science Monitor."

HITLER'S PRESSURE ON IL DUCE

The White House remains sternly silent in regard to the continuous flow of telegrams passing between Washington and European capitals, especially Rome, but it is obvious President Roosevelt is trying every expedient to keep the conflict from spreading.

Consensus of opinion, however, is that the President's hopes of success must be waning.

The belief is growing here that Hitler is putting severe pressure on Mussolini to enter the war now, in order to widen the area of conflict.—Reuter.

CALAIS DRAMA

British Troops Still Hold Citadel

Heroic Example Of Siege Warfare

Paris, To-day.

THE FRENCH MILITARY spokesman yesterday described the achievement of an Allied detachment, composed mostly of British troops, in holding the Citadel of Calais as brilliant and worthy of the most heroic examples of siege warfare.

He said the little garrison, which was being provisioned by parachute and supported by the air force, is holding off German forces very considerably larger in numbers.

The fort is not modernised but the walls are still strong. Deep casemates provide excellent shelter from bombing, and although breaches have been made in the stone ramparts, the sheer drop from the top of the ramparts to the ground provides an insurmountable obstacle to tanks.

The embarkation of troops from the Dunkirk area, continued the spokesman, was still being actively carried out at normal speed despite new difficulties.

During the past 24 hours the enemy had brought up heavy long-range artillery all round Dunkirk to cover ports and beaches south-west and north-west of the town. The beaches are contributing greatly to the safety of the men embarking since it is impossible to disperse detachments over a wide area.

Air Factor

While their heavy artillery is firing without interruption, the Germans launched further violent successive air bombardments.

Allied planes replied by mass attacks inflicting serious losses not only on German bombers but land forces.

Allied machines are attacking German shock columns and heavy batteries and caused great ravages among the 15 German divisions estimated to be packed into the district round the fortified area of Dunkirk.

Merciless Struggle

Besides suffering at the hands of the Allied air force the Germans are also sustaining losses at the hands of Allied troops defending the fortified area of Dunkirk and those continuing to resist with the utmost vigour at various points south-west of Dunkirk.

New big German onslaughts are continually thrown back.

The German infantry are trying to make headway despite the flood waters.

It is a terrible, merciless struggle; every man who falls dead or wounded immediately disappears under the surface of mud and water.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

Paris, To-day. A British detachment is making a heroic stand in the Calais old fortress

which for more than a week has been resisting very fierce enemy attacks. No details are available.—Havas.

Germans Closing In

London, To-day.

The Germans are trying hard to wipe out the rear-guards and the garrison of Dunkirk, but our troops are resisting with admirable vigour and standing firm.

The Germans have been closing in steadily and in great numbers. All the time, their bombers keep up their attacks and Allied fighters reply with devastating counter-attacks, always with the odds against them, while our bombers deal with German troops who are coming closer and closer.

The Germans have been able to bring up long-range artillery all around Dunkirk and this adds to the dangers of disembarkation. But there are some miles of beaches over which our troops can disperse over a wide area.

Some of the troops who are waiting their turn to get away have been in the sand up to their necks for safety.

Tumultuous Welcome

In England, the troops are giving the same tumultuous welcome that they are given at the ports at which they arrive. Crowds wait at railway stations, level crossings and bridges to catch a glimpse of them and wherever the trains stop the soldiers are given food, chocolate and cigarettes.

At one station, a train containing about 700 soldiers met a train carrying 750 children away to safety area. They were separated by only the width of a platform.

The children were cheering and singing—for it is a holiday for most of them—and some of the older soldiers, who were looking forward to meeting their families, were deeply moved.

One little girl went up to a French soldier and gave him the chocolate she had been given to eat on the long journey.

Incidentally, all French soldiers landing in Britain are getting free

Washington, To-day. Forty-six were killed and over 100 injured in Saturday's Nazi air raids on important industrial centres in the Rhone Valley, states a Paris message to the "New York Times."

46 KILLED IN RAIDS ON RHONE

New York, To-day. Two bombs fell in Marseilles city and two in the harbour, says the message, a British ship being set on fire.

Five towns in the vicinity of Lyons were bombed, and the Nimes Hotel in Aix-les-Bains was destroyed.

Among the objectives of the raiders were a number of aeroplane factories.—Reuter.

Long German Reconnaissance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Several cities in south-eastern France were bombed.

The greatest discretion is maintained but several bombs were dropped on Marseilles.

Five German planes were brought down.

German planes are carrying out long reconnaissance flights over French territory. It seems the enemy are trying to get information concerning troop movements and are preparing for the French counter-attack.—Havas.

H. K. PARA-SHOOTERS

With reference to the "Call for Volunteers" which was issued on Saturday, we learn that it is proposed to commence the training of British subjects of European descent immediately and that for the time being it is not necessary for other persons to answer this particular appeal.

GREEK SHIP SUNK

Berlin, To-day. A telegram from Piraeus states that the Greek steamer Perrakis Cambanis (3,584 tons) has been sunk and the crew rescued.—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVY'S WORK AT DUNKIRK

Paris, To-day.

It is stated here that 100 French warships and over 200 French merchantmen, ranging from converted liners to trawlers, have taken part in the defence of Dunkirk and the evacuation of the Allies from Flanders.—Reuter.

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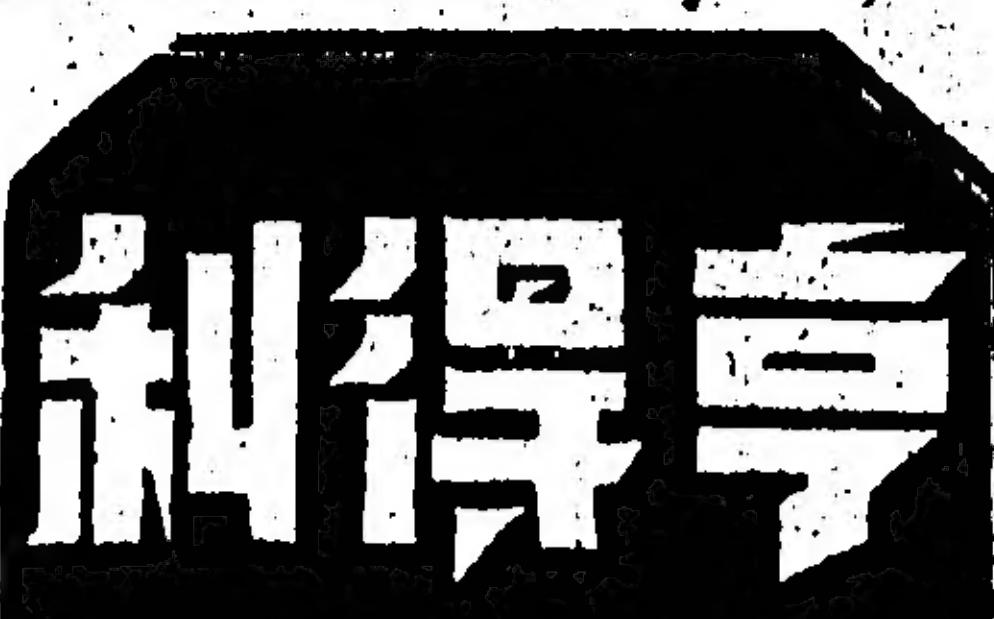
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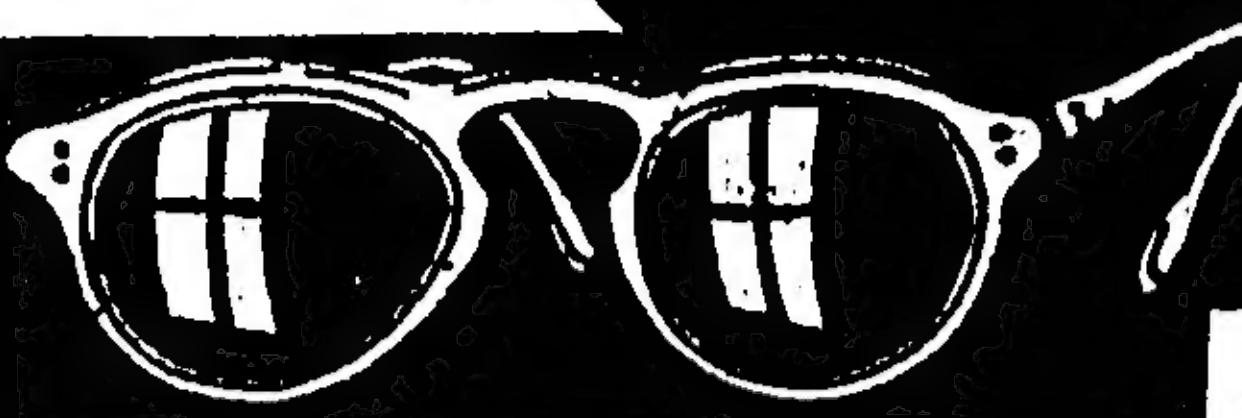
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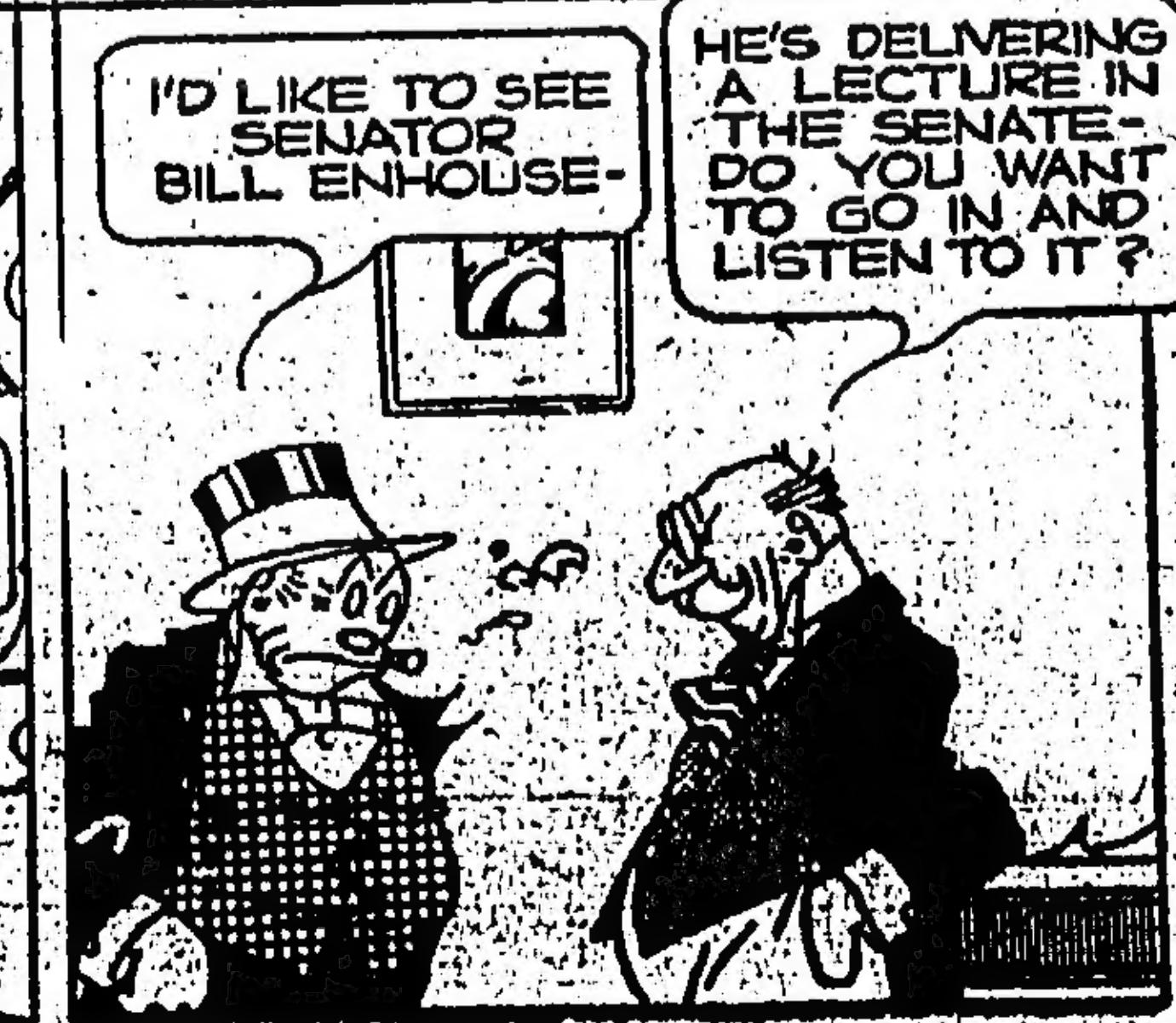
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The change in the war situation is reflected in the new outlook of the nation. It had been too easily assumed that the issue of this war would be exactly the same as the last, and that the course of events would inevitably lead to a successful conclusion. We were not only convinced that right and justice were definitely on the side of the Allies, as is proved by the condemnation of Germany's acts by practically every neutral state, but it naturally followed that the power to establish the right was either present or would soon be available. Those who accepted the democratic system took it for granted that the British Empire would be strong enough not only to maintain its own freedom, but would be in a position to extend its protective mantle over others. The British Empire had not only vast resources, but also the determination to defend and uphold the way of freedom in which they shared. Such complacency was generally felt and expressed itself in a demand for aims, and a detailed account of what would be done when the treaty came to be signed. The idealists in a spirit of high mindedness and generosity demanded a federal Europe membership of which would depend on the constituent members sacrificing their sovereignty or some of it at least.

The brave new world was being arranged, while the intervening and regrettable obstacles were being removed by the armies, navies and air forces. Nothing had to be said or done that would imperil the emergence of this kindly and brotherly spirit. There was ever present the hope that Germany would repent and relent and that her treatment of Poland, Czechoslovakia might be regarded an unfortunate lapse, out of keeping with the essential goodness of her character.

Germany, however, does not accept the role nor can she be fitted in to such a scheme. Totalitarianism which we are not fighting to destroy, is being opposed because it means to destroy us.

That being so it is doubtful whether Nazism can sit on the same council as democracy, if both survived. It is fairly obvious that the Nazis have no intention of doing so. Before the blitzkrieg only allied views about the future constitution of Europe were considered, but now we must at least contemplate the possibility of another arrangement.

It is this prospect which has diverted the minds of people from framing the ideal terms of peace to the more grim and terrible business of winning the war in the hope of escaping from the dire consequences of losing it.

The past fortnight then has had a chastening effect, it has put the task before us in the clearest possible light! It has shocked the nation out of its complacency and the reorganisation which has taken place in the British Government and in the nation corresponds with the changed mood. Instead of taking it for granted that the war is going to be won, and leaving it almost at that, the measures now taken mobilise the whole of the Empire's resources in men, material and above all in loyal cooperation. Now at least there is a conviction that the very best that can be done in every direction is being done, and the results of such superhuman efforts are being waited with confidence. The present difficult position follows from the fact that the Germans have started the war at the point of maximum preparation and secondly they have been able to choose their point of attack. In both these respects the Allies have been at a disadvantage. The present situation is not by any means any criterion of Germany's superiority in the real sense of the word. The blitzkrieg might succeed in Poland and in Holland, because each nation knew that the war would not end with their defeat. The struggle would of necessity be carried on elsewhere. There was no alternative.

The accepted view was that the Nazi system was so patently evil, so grotesquely vile, that it would almost fall to pieces as soon as the world saw it as it really was. Force cannot in the long run maintain what is tyrannous, brutal and ruthless, against the forces which must rally to oppose this evil system. It was assumed that the collapse of Nazism was axiomatic if not automatic, for otherwise it was felt that in spite of modern civilisation, evil would triumph, but, as what was good and decent had so many friends, and as evil had so many enemies, it was believed that such an issue was impossible. Now there are some who say they are not so sure. If Nazism can mas-

ter the whole of Germany is there any reason to suppose it cannot master the whole of Europe, especially as so many Germans will think that by applying the pressure outside the country, the system might be less oppressive within, and they will therefore do everything they can to aid their country in this plan of conquest.

But it is the height of folly to imagine that the Germans are destined to win this war.

They have many initial advantages seeing that they have prepared for the day with so much care and so much bitterness. Their hate has inspired them to this enormous effort but it cannot possibly last nor can it withstand the hammer blows, the Allies will be able to deliver when their equipment reaches its maximum point.

There is no kind of superiority in the German soldier over the British nor over the French. Man for man, weapon for weapon the advantage demonstrably lies with

By
"CIVIS"

the Allies. In this retreat they have shown their courage, their comradeship, their skill and their tenacity. This is not so much a dark hour as the prelude of a brilliant dawn for which the evidence is the tremendous valour and extreme fortitude of the Expeditionary Force. This unexampled gallantry has been an inspiration to the whole nation.

These men embody the spirit of determination. Their successors will possess that too, but in addition they will have adequate supply of aeroplanes, tanks and guns to give expression to that spirit. What we rejoice in is the knowledge that such courage and devotion exists. If recent events have proved anything, it is that the will to conquer is there. Soon the means to do so will also be available.

Not only is the spirit of the troops what we had hoped it would be but there is also the nation itself. The country has been told that losses have occurred (three torpedo-boats have been sunk, for example) and others must occur. The people do not flinch. A certain task has to be performed and it involves great risk. Just as the Navy does not refuse a fight because there is a disparity of force, so it is with the nation. A certain situation arises; it may be a very difficult one, but there is required a definite kind of response, which may or may not involve great losses. Still the job must be done if the tradition is to be preserved and honour maintained. Feelings do not enter into the question, which has its own definite and particular answer.

That answer has been given and it is the sort of answer which will in the end bring the nation triumphantly through this ordeal.

BULLDOG BREED

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning on Pang Wing, 19, convicted for attempting to snatch a handkerchief, containing \$6.44, from Li Sam-mui, an amah, in Austin Road.

The amah held on to the handkerchief until a Chinese constable's arrival. The incident occurred opposite the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday afternoon.

FRACTURED LEG

A six-year-old boy, Lau Man, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital with a fractured right leg, after being knocked down by motor lorry No. 357 in Connaught Road West yesterday afternoon.

By George McManus

JAPANESE DISTRUST OF RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
"DISTRUST OF RUSSIA REMAINS DEEP IN JAPANESE HEARTS AND RUSSIA IN HER TURN IS EXTREMELY DISTURBED BY THE JAPANESE ADVANCE ON THE CONTINENT," M. ROGER LEVY, PROFESSOR IN THE FRENCH COLONIAL SCHOOL AND MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, STATED IN A PUBLIC LECTURE HERE YESTERDAY.

"Germany may well try to turn Soviet efforts towards the chimerical idea of a conquest of India."

"The Soviet rulers are more attached to stern realities; they know that before engaging in new conquests one must hold former ones."

"Russia's historical tradition has established her on the Pacific shore and she will do her best to remain there."

"Japan is looking anxiously at Vladivostok from which place planes could start to bomb Japanese towns."—Havas.

JAPAN STILL LOOKS TO SOUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, YESTERDAY.
THE DOUBLING OF THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE SETTLERS IN MANCHUKUO AND THE PURSUIT OF JAPAN'S SOUTHWARDS EXPANSION POLICY ARE ENVISAGED IN A STATEMENT MADE BY THE OVERSEAS MINISTER, GENERAL KUNIAKI KOISO, IN A SPEECH TO THE CONFERENCE OF PRECUTURAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATORS NOW MEETING AT THE HOME MINISTRY.

"There are at present over 20,000 families of ordinary Japanese settlers in Manchukuo," he declared.

"During the current year we plan to send 20,000 more families there, and despite the increased demand for labour at home it will be necessary to redouble our efforts to encourage settlement in Manchukuo."

Referring to Japan's expansion in the South Seas he said: "The South Seas region is important for the economic expansion of Japan and to insure its sources of supply."

"As the development of the China affair progresses and the international situation grows increasingly tense, more care and precaution are necessary in the execution of Japan's southwards expansion policy."—Havas.

INCIDENT AT LAICHIKOK BEACH

Alleged to have behaved in a disorderly manner whilst under influence of drink at Laichikok Beach on Saturday afternoon, Knut Riis, 22, residing at No. 4B, Hankow Road, was placed on a \$20 bond to be of good behaviour for six months by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Inspector Nolloth, prosecuting, alleged that Riis used abusive language to people at the Beach, to have entered a car without the owner's invitation and to have refused to get out of the car when requested.

10-FEET FALL: BADLY INJURED

Cheng Ping-lai was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition after a fall of 10 feet while at work at Shaukiwan yesterday.

REYNAUD'S TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, in a broadcast last night said: "In these times of trial France is deeply sensible of the deeds of those who remain her faithful friends and who have known how to bear witness of that friendship.

"In the front rank of these friends, whom we always find in hours of peril, stand the American Red Cross."

Referring to the admirable generosity with which urgently needed help had been brought to those in distress, M. Reynaud expressed the gratitude of all victims of the German invasion regardless of nationality to "the American Red Cross, which is the magnificent spokesman of the whole American nation."

The United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, followed M. Reynaud and said: "At this hour, when all that Americans and French love, believe in and revere is threatened with destruction, the American people share in these sufferings of the French as if they were their own."—Reuter.

PUT LIVE CAT INTO BOILING WATER

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning Chung Yau-sing, 61, was charged with cruelty to a cat.

A street sleeper without food, Chung was seen putting a live cat into a bowl of hot water on a piece of vacant ground in Soy Street on Saturday afternoon.

Sentencing Chung to ten days' hard labour, Mr. Macfadyen remarked that his poverty could be excused, but not his cruelty.

KNIFE ATTACK

An alleged attack on a school girl with a knife on Saturday morning in Peace Avenue had a sequel this morning before Mr. E. Hinsworth when Chan Cheung, 22, was charged with assault with intent to rob Miss May Chow, a student of Pooi To Girls' School, and with wounding her.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, the case was adjourned.

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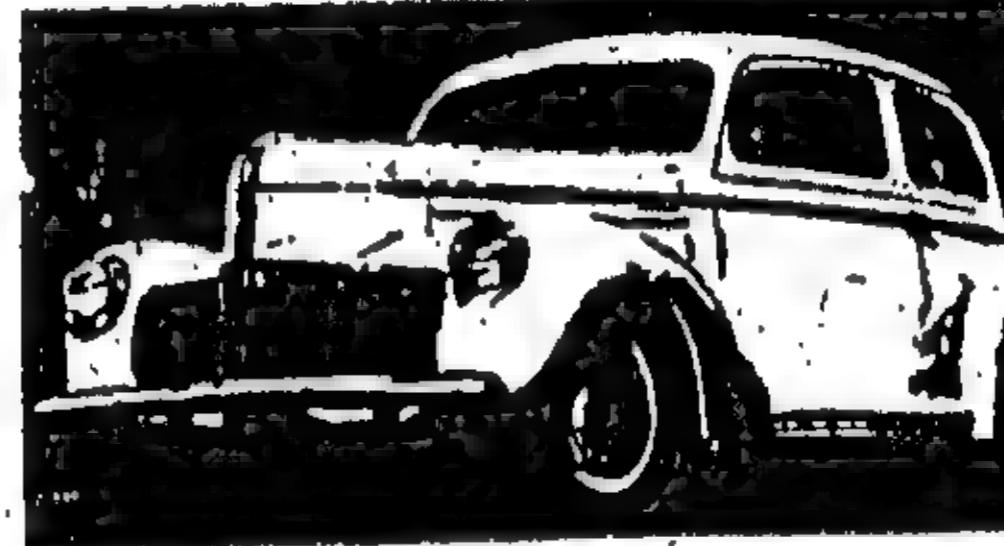
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THE NAVY'S ROLE IN FLANDERS RETREAT

London, To-day.

THE NAVY'S ROLE IN THE Flanders retreat was the subject of a talk broadcast yesterday by Rear-Admiral H. G. Thursfield, naval correspondent of "The Times."

The Navy has had many jobs during the fighting in Flanders, he said, from feeding and supplying the troops to helping the flanks with naval gunfire, demolitions, and so on, but for the past few days all these tasks have been subsidiary to embarking Allied troops and equipment.

This has been very difficult, for the Flanders coast is low and sandy, with sandbanks forming shoals which run for miles out to sea. In peace-time, it is difficult enough even with buoys, light-houses and land-marks; now, however, the light-houses are all dark and most of the buoys have been removed.

The shallow waters mean that it is impossible to use anything but small ships and only warships about the size of a destroyer or smaller can work there. The ports are narrow and the handling of ships has to be skilful to prevent accidents resulting in the blocking of a channel for hours.

In addition, there has been intense air bombing. But it is not the Navy's way to be daunted—they take difficulties as they come.

Destroyers' Exploits

He gave as a typical example the work of a division of four destroyers last week.

On their way across, they were attacked by dive bombers six times, one vessel being damaged. She went in first to bring off as many men as possible and then return home.

The other ships waited outside; there was no room for them inside, as other ships, including a transport, were busy.

They were attacked from the air while waiting and shot down two German bombers.

The last to go in had two air attacks while she was loading troops. Bombs fell close, but she escaped damage.

When they came out, decks loaded, the destroyers gave the transport air protection. There were 12 air attacks which were staved off, except that a bomb, falling close to one destroyer, caused several casualties on the crowded decks, holed her side and pierced the main steam pipe.

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One of the other destroyers wanted to take her in tow, but the captain did not think it advisable to keep them waiting.

She transferred her "passengers" to the already crowded transport, and

then anchored while repairs were carried out.

For an hour and a half there were incessant air attacks.

At last, the pipe was repaired and steam raised again. Despite the holes in her side, she returned to a British port at a speed of 20 knots.

The captain had one grievance. He was not allowed to leave at once on another trip to Flanders!

The Allied Navies assert that they would not have accomplished their task but for two things—the perfect steadiness and discipline of the tired but unbeaten troops and the magnificent co-operation of the R.A.F.—Reuter.

THE CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL: NAZI DENIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The German news agency says authoritative German circles deny emphatically the French statement that the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge was destroyed by German troops.—Reuter.

CANTABS BREAKING UP EARLY

London, Yesterday.

In view of the present situation Cambridge undergraduates who have completed their examinations will be allowed to leave Cambridge immediately instead of waiting for the end of full term, on June 10. The Oxford University Registrar told Reuter that nothing in the same direction was contemplated at Oxford.—Reuter.

FORTS ON MEXICAN BORDER!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, Yesterday.

Senator Thomas (Democrat, Oklahoma) to-day tabled a bill providing for the construction of forts along the Mexican border. The bill is generally viewed as translating the anxiety regarding possible activities of the Fifth Column in Mexico.—Havas.

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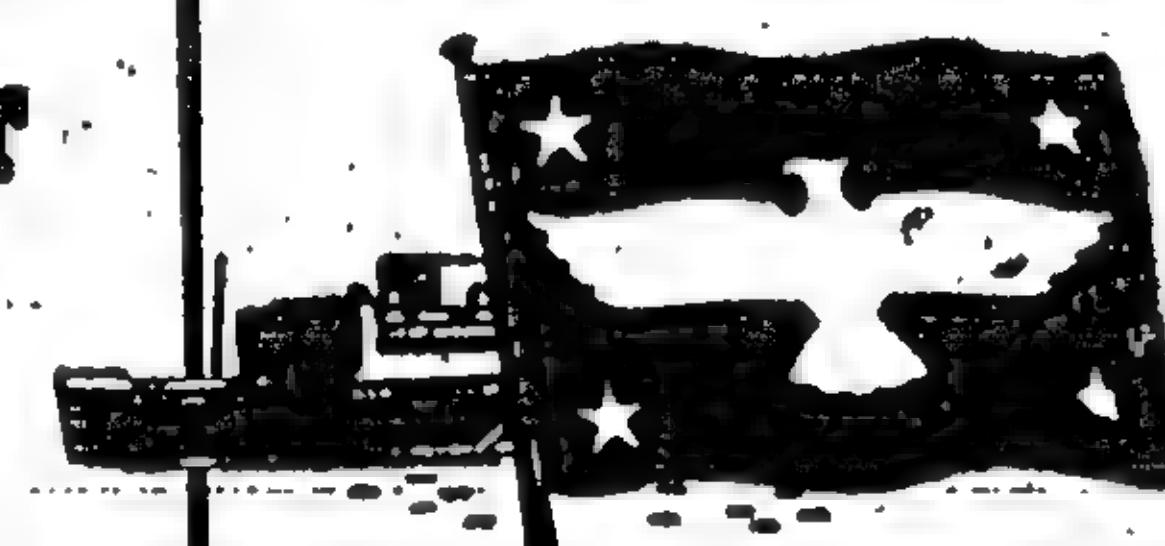
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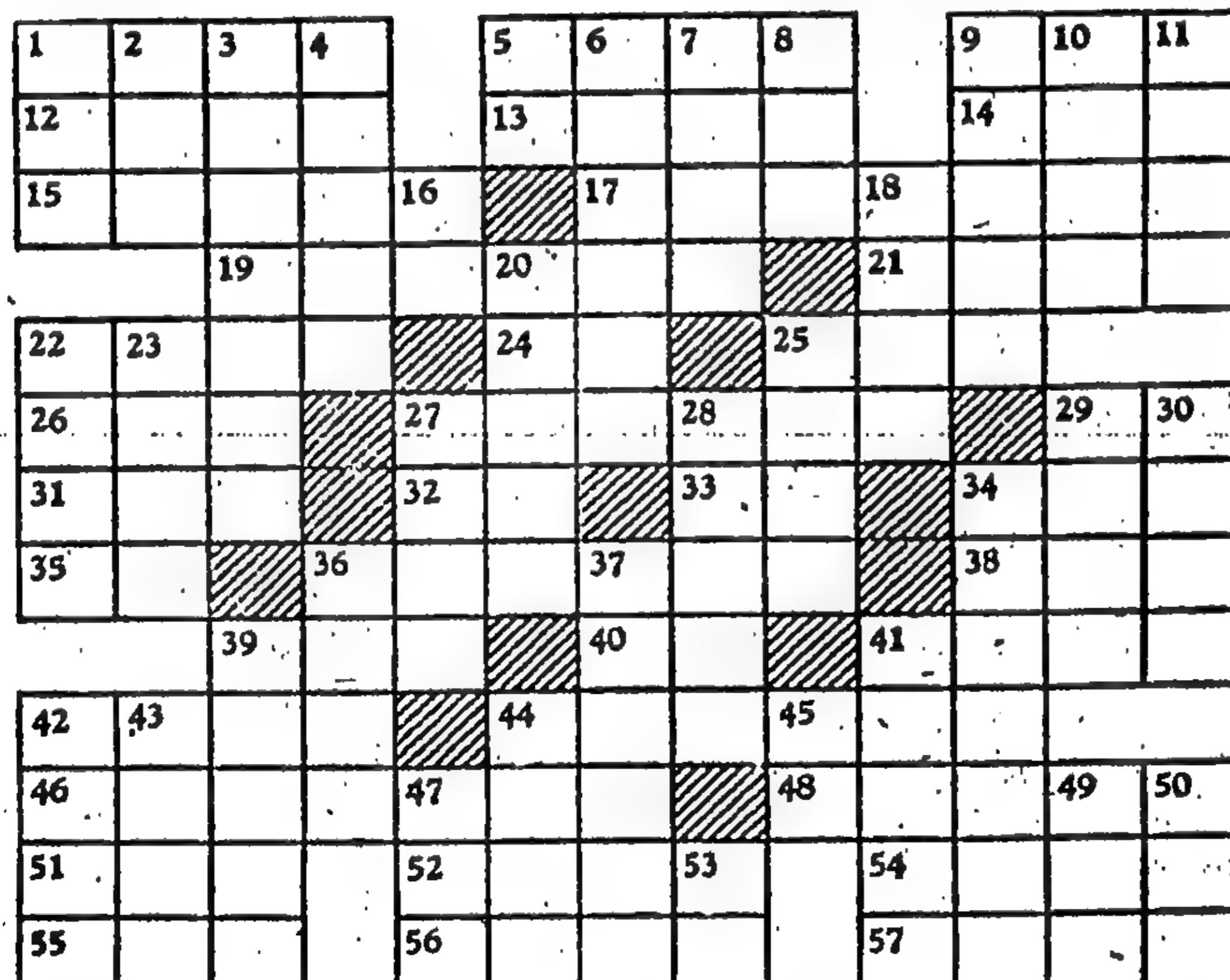
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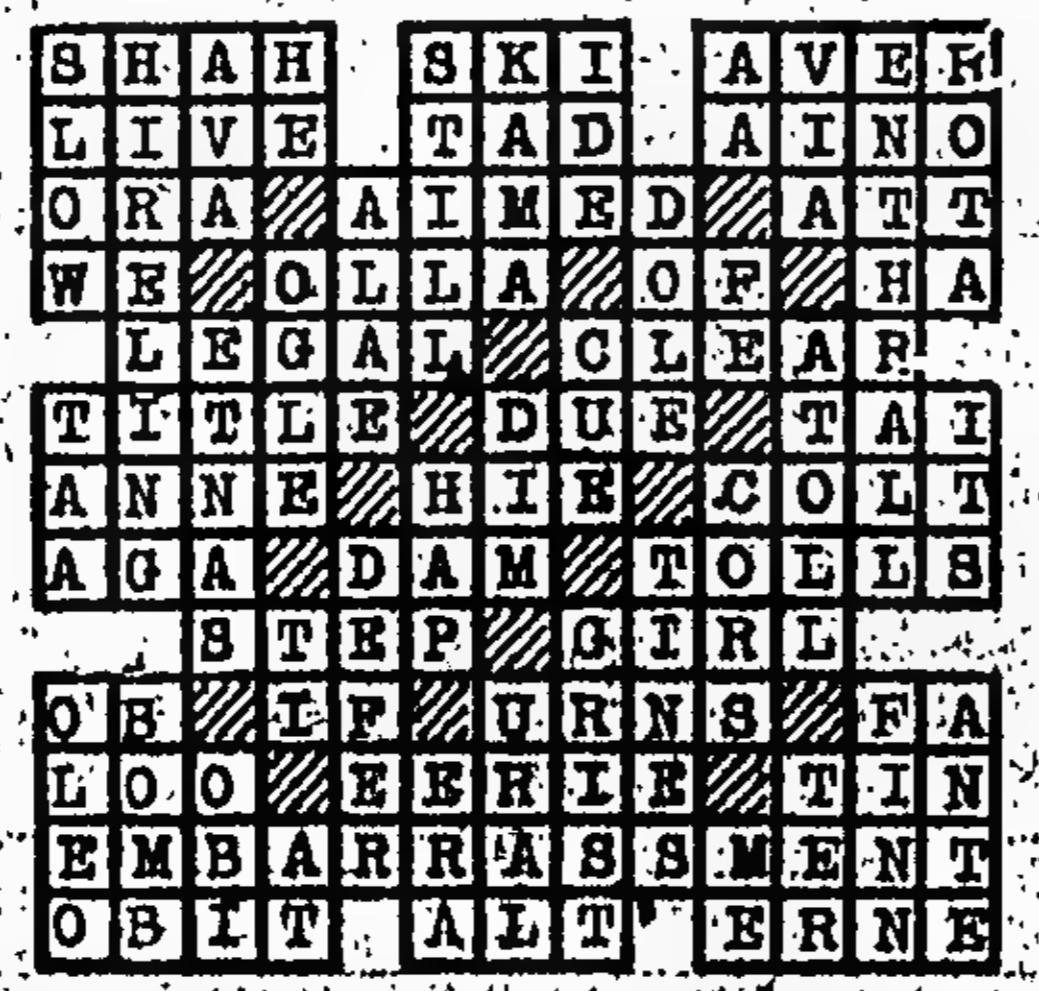
- 1 Peruvian city
- 5 Solo
- 9 Back
- 12 Image
- 13 Goddess of marriage
- 14 Malay gibbon
- 15 Doctrine
- 17 Route
- 19 Smooths
- 21 Boundaries
- 22 To lavish fondness
- 24 To accomplish
- 25 To solicit
- 28 Hail!
- 27 Outdoor sport
- 29 Spanish article
- 31 Gaelic sea-god
- 32 Preposition
- 33 Type measure
- 34 Crude metal
- 35 Comparative Suffix
- 36 Shows dis-approval of
- 38 Fish eggs
- 39 Sodium chloride

- 40 Paid notice
- 41 Compass point
- 42 Asian inland sea
- 44 To concur
- 46 Grants
- 48 To make amends
- 51 Bushy clump
- 52 Legislative assembly
- 54 Silkworm

- 55 Pigpen
- 56 Taro root
- 57 Hindu peasant
- 1 Ignited
- 2 Dessert
- 3 Freak
- 4 To anoint
- 5 Exclamation of approval

- 6 To calculate
- 7 Rainbow
- 8 Swiss river
- 9 Colloquial: to fail
- 10 Quick attack
- 11 Worthless leavings
- 16 Symbol for tellurium
- 18 Luck
- 20 Parades
- 22 Valley
- 23 Finished
- 25 Objects
- 27 Labour
- 28 Requires
- 29 God of love
- 30 Old English court
- 34 Elocution
- 36 Imperfected
- 37 Was impertinent to
- 39 Gritty
- 41 To penetrate
- 42 Performs
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- 44 Barren
- 45 Babylonian deity
- 47 Holland commune
- 49 Island of the Cyclades
- 50 To consume
- 53 Toward

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EUROPEANS IN N.T. CAR SMASH

Five Europeans, including a woman and two children, were involved in a motor-car accident yesterday afternoon when the car, No. 1040, in which they were travelling crashed into a tree on the roadside between Chek Un and Mei Po in the New Territories.

The car was badly damaged but the passengers escaped with minor scratches and bruises.

The names of the persons involved have not yet been disclosed.

DRAWER OPENED WITH DUPLICATE KEY

Mr. H. H. Fantham, of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, reported to the Police last night that a sum of \$350 was stolen from the drawer of his desk at his residence yesterday. The drawer was opened with a duplicate key.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

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ALLIED SINGLENESSE OF PURPOSE

London, To-day.

FRIDAY'S DECLARATION of the Supreme War Council that the Allied Governments and peoples are more than ever implacably resolved to pursue in closest possible concord their present struggle until complete victory is achieved, was a timely expression of the spirit alike of determination and of co-operation of which there are numerous manifestations in Britain.

The meeting of the Council, which happened to be the first at which Britain was represented by its new all-party War Government, was the culmination of a series of consultations between the British and French Premiers during the anxious days which followed the German break-through.

In the early days of the war, Mr. Chamberlain returning from a meeting of the Supreme War Council remarked how the behaviour of the representatives of the Allied Governments would have suggested they were meeting as members of a single government.

The character of consultations in recent days between Mr. Churchill and M. Reynaud, whether in France or England, have similarly reflected the sense of close union which animates the two peoples and in political circles, the comment was heard that the two statesmen met and discussed rather as two leading members of one Cabinet faced with a sudden crisis than as the Premiers of two different countries.

COLONY'S CHATTER BUGS

It is curious, says "St. John's Review," how the atmosphere of war seems to throw a sinister gloom upon the most simple event.

Apparently because H.E. the Governor has gone for a short holiday preceded by the puisne judge, also on leave, and followed by the general on a tour of duty, it has been deduced by some Chinese that the ship of state is not quite safe.

"No doubt the Admiral will be going shortly and this will confirm the impression.

"Probably a double, who will attend the Cathedral on Sundays, can be arranged for him and doubts thereby allayed.

"The ingenuity of the mind in linking up facts and finding a casual relation where none exists, is considerable and it is not always so easy to disabuse such minds, since having made the discovery they are loath to admit that the whole thing is nonsense which is what it is."

There is irony in the fact that at the very moment when Nazi propaganda is making a new, rather obvious "drive," with a view to separating France and Britain, German actions in the field are serving strongly to reinforce the original solidarity of the two countries.

Adversities which British and French troops have shared in common in the memorable withdrawal from Belgium and the visible closeness of the co-operation which the naval and air forces of the two countries have given to each other and to the ground forces in the relief they have brought to these sorely pressed troops has set a seal of comradeship upon the future of their joint enterprise in arms more binding than that of distant memories of the last war.

French troops arriving in England in the past 48 hours from Dunkirk beaches have had a welcome as warm as and perhaps more demonstrative than that accorded the men of the B.E.F. themselves.

Generous Recognition

In France, the part played by the R.A.F. in helping to break the force of the onslaught of the German dive-bombers and armoured forces, and in spreading confusion far behind the lines is generously recognised, while in Britain there is growing admiration for the indomitable spirit in which the French have braced themselves, first to seeming disaster, and then to prepare to retrieve it, and all the time calmly to confront the converging dangers which though never unforeseen, now offer their challenge more nearly.

The declaration of the Supreme War Council underlines a fact which may have been insufficiently pondered in Berlin and perhaps elsewhere, that the challenge will be met by the unstinted, united effort of two determined peoples indissolubly united in a resolve to rid the world of the nightmare of terrorism and oppression.—British Wireless.



KING VISITS ARMS FACTORY

London, To-day.

Visiting a small arms factory yesterday, the King was shown the results of the arms speed-up.

Accompanied by Mr. Herbert Morrison, His Majesty made a tour of the factory which turns out all kinds of small arms from revolvers to machine-guns.

Working seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day, the output has increased very greatly.

The attitude of the workers was expressed by one to whom His Majesty spoke congratulating him on the effort being made.

"We've got the men," the workman replied, "and we know they want guns."

The heroism, discipline and self-reliance of the B.E.F. has inspired the whole country with the determination that the British armies shall have supplies in the number and excellence worthy of them.—British Wireless.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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East Mindanao Ps. .06 1/2 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .21 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. .05 sa.

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San Mauricio Ps. .49 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .13 b.

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SWIMMING GALAS

South China Athletic Association will hold their first swimming gala of the season at North Point on Saturday, June 15, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

At the same time, Chinese Bathing Club will hold a swimming gala, on behalf of the British War Fund and for the Friends of the Wounded Soldiers.

The programmes for the galas are as follows:

SOUTH CHINA

Men's 150 metres Relay (Open to the Colony).

Ladies' 100 metres Free Style.

Children's 100 metres Free Style.

Mixed 100 metres Arithmetical Race.

Men's 50 metres Free Style.

Men's 100 metres Free Style.

CHINESE BATHING CLUB

Men's 300 metres Three style Relay (Open to the Colony).

Ladies' 100 metres Breast strokes (Open to the Colony).

Children's 50 metres Free Style Handicap.

Presmen 100 metres Free Style.

Men's 100 metres Free Style Handicap.

Ladies' 50 metres Free Style Handicap.

Pillow Flight.

Mixed Lantern Race.

Water Polo.

DIAMOND RING THEFT

Mrs. N. Moore, of No. 271, Prince Edward Road, reported to the Police last night that a gold diamond ring had been stolen from her bedroom during the day.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

IN PLACE OF THE CUSTOMARY MASSED PARADE IN HAPPY VALLEY, THE CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE KING'S BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 13 THIS YEAR WILL CONSIST ONLY OF A MARCH PAST OF THE TROOPS, HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT TAKING THE SALUTE AT A SPECIAL STAND ERECTED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY AND LUARD ROADS.

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Troops will line up for the march past in column of route at 8 a.m., at which time the massed bands and Guard of Honour will also be formed. At 8.15 a.m., the Officer Administering the Government will arrive, to be received with a Royal Salute from the Guard of Honour.

When he moves to a position facing the flag staff, the Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute while the whole of the National Anthem is played and the Royal Standard is broken.

Three cheers will be given for His Majesty the King, in which His Excellency and the spectators will join. When the troops present arms in the Royal Salute, the Royal Standard will be lowered slowly, the Union Flag being raised at the same time.

At approximately 8.25 a.m., the troops on parade will march past the saluting stand and then disperse.

As His Excellency enters his car the band will play the first six bars of the National Anthem; he will then leave for Government House, after taking leave of the official guests.

RUMANIA'S POLICY UNCHANGED

London, To-day: The Belgrade radio states Rumania's policy is not affected by the resignation of M. Gafencu, the Foreign Minister. It is added that M. Gigurtu, the new Rumanian Foreign Minister, will continue the policy of his predecessor. — Reuter.



When the rich beau told gold-digging Gentle he dreamed about her last night, she said: "That will be one dollar, please."

BRITAIN'S SEA CONTROL UNDIMINISHED

London, Yesterday.

BRITAIN'S SEA control has resulted during the opening months of the war in driving the German fleet from the seas and so harrying and harassing the German merchantile marine, of whose pre-war tonnage nearly 20 per cent has been captured, scuttled or sunk, that it is able to render little useful service.

This control will not, in the opinion of informed circles here, be radically changed if the Germans secure and retain certain Channel ports.

It is recalled that in the last war the enemy had the use of Zeebrugge and Ostend and nearly all the Belgian coast as submarine bases without effect in their campaign against Britain's merchant shipping.

Whatever bases they use, submarines while operating are subject to attack by destroyer and swarms of small craft which are their special enemies.

These small harriers of the submarine can only be driven off by stronger forces of surface craft, and any such attempt would lead to clashes of bigger units that could have only one result in view of the Allies' overwhelming preponderance in cruiser and battleship strength.

Similarly, should the enemy try to close the Straits of Dover by minefield, either British minesweepers would clear the Channel unmolested by surface ships or an attempt to interfere with them would develop into a large-scale action.

Motor torpedoboats working from the Flanders coast might be a menace to coastwise shipping, in convoy or out of it.

Fair Weather Craft

On the other hand, as the last war showed, motor torpedoboats are essentially fairweather craft for use at short range from their bases and are very susceptible to machinegun attacks by aircraft.

Guns that might be mounted on the French coast opposite Dover can hardly be regarded as a serious menace to shipping in the Straits.

At a range of 18 miles ships hugging the English coast would be a moving target very difficult to hit,

and the passage could be made under cover of night.

Intensified air attacks on Channel and Thames Estuary shipping may be expected.

Sea Power's Flexibility

Experience has, however, shown the great difficulty of hitting ships under way.

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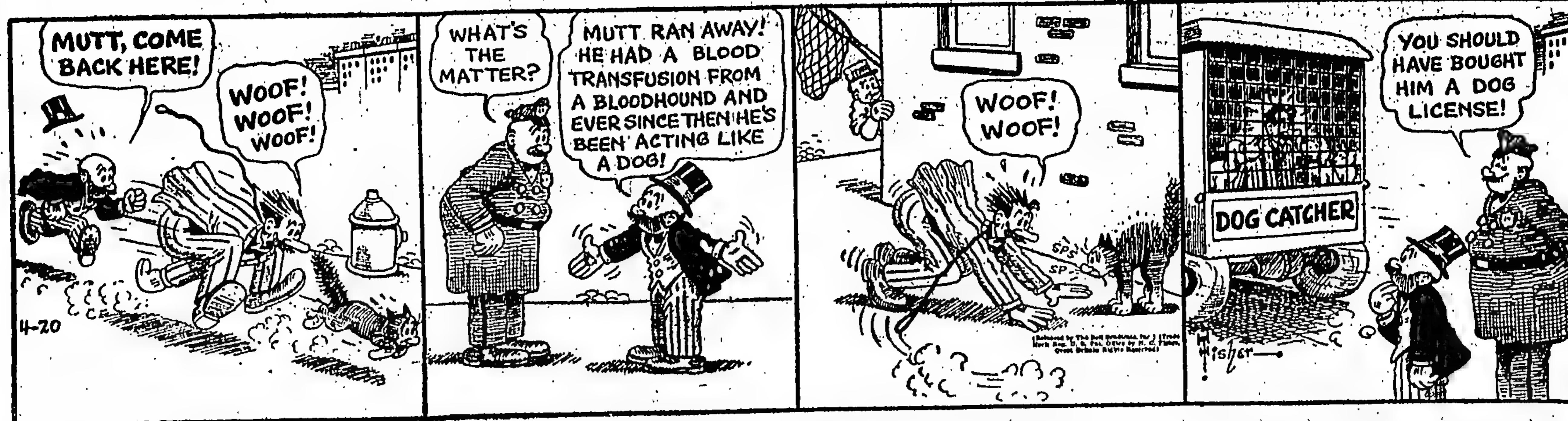
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Donkey's Serenade (film 'Firefly')...Grace Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra.
STUDIO—"Eliza Ann" A story by Aunt Susan.
Cuckoo in the Clock (Donaldson, Mercer)...The Merry Macs (Vocal) with Instru. accomp.
When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Trad)...Harold Williams and The B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.
STUDIO—7th instalment of "The Circus That Came to Tea" by Aunt Susan.
The Chestnut Tree (Kennedy, Connor)...The Audience of the Paramount Theatre, London.
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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Flying High" Part II. A programme of variety written and arranged by Alan Russel and Charles Brewer.
7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Compositions of Ketelbey. In A Monastery Garden...Reginald Foort at the Organ.
The Sacred Hour; Sanctuary of the Heart

...The London Palladium Orchestra. In A Persian Market...The Comedy Harmonists (Vocal) with Piano.
In Holiday Mood—Suite...The London Palladium Orchestra. Sunbeams and Butterflies...The London Palladium Orchestra.
8.35 p.m.—Light French Music. Ce N'est Pas Toujours Drole (film 'Un soir de Rafe'); Complainte De Macide (film 'L'Opéra de quartier sous')...Damia (Vocal) with Orchestra. Oui Je Suis De Paris (film 'Rigoletto'); Au Fond De Tes Yeux (film 'Rigoletto')...Mistinguett (Vocal) with Orchestra.
"Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet; arr. Tavan)...Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

"I Believe
In Democracy"

Enlèvement (Bordese and Levade)...Georges Thill (Tenor) with Piano.
9.00 p.m.—Concert Waltzes. Tales from the Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss)...Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
A Thousand and One Nights (Johann Strauss)...Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orchestra. Love Is My Life (Strauss; arr. Walter)...Orchestre Raymonde (with Vocal Quintette).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"I Believe In Democracy".
9.45 p.m.—Walton—Façade Suites. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.
10.05 p.m.—A Song Recital.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A PROBLEM IN PLAY

We are wondering if our readers, playing the South hand, would make a small slam in hearts. Naturally you are fortunate enough not to receive a diamond opening, which would set the hand immediately. We will give one slight hint. After the opening lead, which happened to be a spade, the contract could not be defeated if properly played.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♦ A Q 4
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ 6 4
♣ A Q 3

♠ 10 9
♥ 8 6 5
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 10 8 7 6

N ♠ A J 8 7 6
W ♠ E ♠ 7
♦ 10 ♠ 9 3 2
♣ 9 4 2

♦ K 5 3 2
♥ A J 10 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K J 5

The bidding:
South 1♦
West Pass
North Pass
East Pass

West happened to open the ten of spades which was won by dummy's Ace. South drew three rounds of trumps and East frantically signalled with the ten of diamonds. While it looked as though the contract depended upon a spade break, South could see an additional chance if East were long in spades and held both the top diamonds. South cashed his three club tricks, then played dummy's last two trumps. On the last trump lead

East was squeezed, for he could not keep both his spade stopper and the Ace and King of diamonds. East let

go of the diamond King whereupon South discarded a small spade. A diamond was then led from dummy and East's Ace went up. South took the rest with his two top spades and the diamond Queen.

Would you have made this rather lucky hand?

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Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♦ Q J X
♥ K X
♦ A J 9 X X
♣ Q 10 X

The bidding:
Schenken Burnstone You Maier
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. Although this four diamond bid must be read as a mild slam invitation, your diamond suit is too weak for you to accept.

Score four spades 100%, four hearts 40% (might conceivably be interpreted as showing three hearts), five diamonds 20% (a poor bid).

QUESTION NO. 428
David Bruce Burnstone is your partner and you hold:

♦ Q J X
♥ K X
♦ A J 9 X X
♣ Q 10 X

The bidding:
Burnstone Jacoby You Schenken
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
5♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

ALTHOUGH Saturday's Lawn Bowls League did not provide any big surprises, there were several close games and no less than four games resulted in one-shot wins.

Recreio "A" were fully extended by Civil Service, who won on two rinks, but McGowan went down badly to C. G. Silva by 15 shots.

Indian Recreation Club secured their first win of the season in First Division when they beat Hong Kong Football Club by 22 shots, Dallah obtaining a 13-shot win over K. S. Robertson.

In Second Division Recreio sustained their first defeat of the season at the hands of Taikoo, runners-up last year, by one shot, while Kowloon Tong, thanks to Stephens' rink, secured a somewhat unexpected win over Civil Service.

Both Kowloon Football Club teams figured in narrow defeats. The Second Division team went down to K.C.C. by one shot although Youngusband had a 13-shot win over J. M. Jack. In Third Division they were beaten by Craigengower by a solitary shot, though they were up on two rinks.

Indian Recreation Club are still pointless in Third Division.

Prison Officers' Club registered a convincing win over K.G.B.C. by 27 shots.

HONG KONG Baseball Club, without the services of Waggoner and Hearther, broke their sequence of defeats on Saturday when they defeated Mindanao, conquerors of H.B., by 6 runs to 4.

Smith recorded a personal success when he struck out no fewer than 12 batters and only walked three. Figueiredo registered the first home run of the season in the sixth inning.

Mindanao had two chances of increasing their score when they had bases full but failed.

Yesterday's Baseball

The two League baseball matches played on the Navy Field yesterday resulted as expected, H.B. Club beating Royal Engineers to the tune of 14 runs to 2, while Chung Hwa beat South China's 18-3.

In an exhibition game in the afternoon, Hong Kong All-Stars beat U.S.S. Ashville 10-3.

TENNIS OFF

All League tennis arranged for today has been postponed, enquiries this morning revealed. This makes the third Monday in succession that "A" Division matches have been washed out.

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SKIPS' TABLES

FOLLOWING ARE THE records of all skips in the three divisions of the Lawn Bowls League.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	5	5	0	0	137	85	52	0	10	0	10
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	4	4	0	0	95	54	41	0	8	0	8
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	5	4	1	0	124	80	44	0	8	0	8
F. X. M. Silva (Rec. "A")	5	4	1	0	113	85	28	0	8	0	8
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	5	4	1	0	94	95	0	1	8	0	8
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	1	1	100	92	8	0	7	0	7
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	75	78	0	3	6	0	6
C. S. Rosselet (C.C.C.)	5	3	2	0	128	88	37	0	6	0	6
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	5	2	1	2	116	93	23	0	6	0	6
G. H. Sheriff (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	2	0	118	96	22	0	6	0	6
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	5	3	2	0	105	108	0	3	6	0	6
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	5	3	2	0	98	107	0	9	6	0	6
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	5	2	2	1	100	83	17	0	5	0	5
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	3	2	1	0	68	42	16	0	4	0	4
J. McKelvie (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	75	77	0	2	4	0	4
J. E. Noronha (Rec. "B")	5	2	3	0	103	96	7	0	4	0	4
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	5	2	3	0	90	88	2	0	4	0	4
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	5	2	3	0	85	112	0	27	4	0	4
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	5	1	3	1	91	107	0	16	3	0	3
N. J. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	5	1	3	1	87	106	0	19	3	0	3
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	17	3	0	2	0	2
J. A. Collyer (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	48	37	11	0	2	0	2
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	39	38	1	0	2	0	2
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	42	47	0	5	2	0	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	42	53	0	11	2	0	2
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	1	2	0	61	58	3	0	2	0	2
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	64	0	6	2	0	2
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	3	0	1	2	57	68	0	11	2	0	2
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	82	90	0	8	2	0	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	74	95	0	21	2	0	2
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	5	1	4	0	81	120	0	39	2	0	2
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	22	0	13	0	0	0
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	37	0	23	0	0	0
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	45	0	16	0	0	0
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	74	96	0	22	0	0	0
A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	0	4	0	47	107	0	60	0	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	5	5	0	0	134	60	74	0	10	0	10
O. Remedios (Rec.)	4	4	0	0	104	60	44	0	8	0	8
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	3	1	1	110	96	14	0	7	0	7
J. Chalmers (T.C.)	3	3	0	0	79	49	30	0	6	0	6
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	3	3	0	0	68	50	18	0	6	0	6
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	4	3	1	0	99	66	33	0	6	0	6
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	2	0	112	87	25	0	6	0	6
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	5	3	2	0	101	86	15	0	6	0	6
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	2	0	95	91	4	0	6	0	6
A. J. Kew (K.T.)	5	3	2	0	83	97	0	14	6	0	6
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	3	2	0	1	70	53	17	0	5	0	5
W. Harrower (K.B.G.C.)	3	2	1	0	75	33	42	0	4	0	4
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	54	65	0	11	4	0	4
R. M. Keown (T.C.)	4	2	2	0	75	66	9	0	4	0	4
H. Gittins (K.T.)	4	2	2	0	75	82	0	7	4	0	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	91	113	0	22	4	0	4
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	51	45	6	0	3	0	3
E. Souza (Rec.)	4	1	2	1	71	67	4	0	3	0	3
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	2	1	63	109	0	46	3	0	3
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	5	1	3	1	94	102	0	8	3	0	3
J. L. Stephens (K.T.)	1	1	0	0	32	13	19	0	2	0	2
A. A. Razack (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	13	11	0	2	0	2
A. A. Remedios (Recreo)	1	1	0	0	19	10	9	0	2	0	2
T. Stainton (T.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	16	7	0	2	0	2
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	44	30	14	0	2	0	2
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	40	41	0	1	2	0	2
R. Marks (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	32	41	0	9	2	0	2
A. Wright (P.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	56	60	0	4	2	0	2
B. E. Maughan (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	3	0	80	84	0	4	2	0	2
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	4	1	3	0	61	88	0	27	2	0	2
W. E. Hollands (P.R.C.)	4	0	2	2	64	92	0	28	2	0	2
W. Glendinning (P.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	57	86	0	29	2	0	2
D. Munro (T.C.)	4	1	3	0	71	101	0	30	2	0	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	1	1	38	46	0	8	1	0	1
A. B. Allen (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	3	1	61	98	0	37	1	0	1
N. P. Karanja (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	16	23	0	7	0	0	0
W. B. Fraser (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	28	0	16	0	0	0
J. Purvis (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	32	0	19	0	0	0
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	54	0	25	0	0	0
G. S. Archibutt (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	19	45	0	26	0	0	0
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	4	0	68	85	0	17	0	0	0

THIRD DIVISION</

ARMY TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are the Army League Tennis Pairings:—

"A" DIVISION

	P.	L.	W.
Skipwith and Hook (8th R.A.)	9	2	7
Smith and Harrison (R.A.M.C.)	6	0	6
Emerson & Duffield (R.A.O.C.)	6	0	8
Taylor and James (R.A.P.C.)	5	0	6
Adlam and Murray (R.A.P.C.)	5	0	5
Mitchell and Ealey (R.E.)	6	1	5
Grose and Wilkinson (R.E.)	6	1	5
Megson and Denyer (R.E.)	6	1	5
Meekings and Louis (6th R.A.)	6	1	5
Pinkney and Carden (R.A.P.C.)	5	1	4
Martin and Logan (R.A.S.C.)	6	2	4
Guest and Waldron (Middlesex)	3	0	3
Bridge and Boocock (R.A.O.C.)	3	0	3
Morgan and Mow (5th R.A.)	3	0	3
Young and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.)	6	3	3
Webb and Milne (R.A.M.C.)	6	3	3
Tevorner and Mow (5th R.A.)	3	1	2
Gardner and Stonor (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2
Boocock and Stonor (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2
Gardner and Wardle (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2

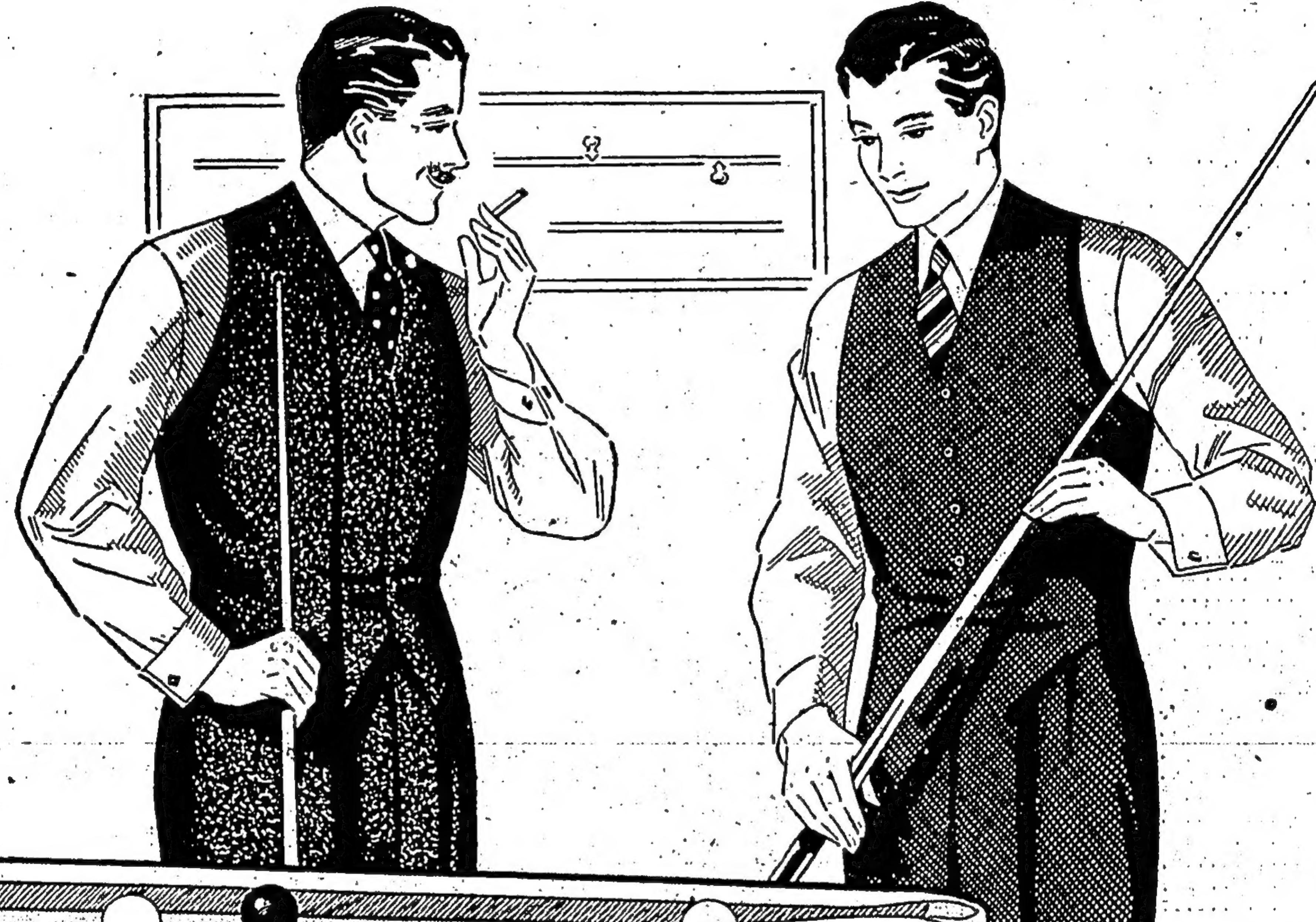
	P.	L.	W.
Alacey and Webb (R.S.)	6	4	2
Duncan and Glasgow (M.S.)	6	4	2
Guest and Mellor (Middlesex)	3	2	1
Lane and Meekings (5th R.A.)	3	2	1
Roach and Ward (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Osborne and Marsh (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Way and Scorey (12th R.A.)	3	2	1
Ingram and Tevener (5th R.A.)	3	2	1
Walton and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Dunne and Meldor (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Plummer and Iles (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Hewitt and Castle (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Challis and Isles (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Mills and Coughlin (5th R.A.)	3	3	0
McConnell and March (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
McMurphy & Forrester (12 R.A.)	3	3	0
Shirlaw and Marsh (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Keast and Walton (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Hunt and Spiller (35th M. G. Coy. R.A.)	3	3	0
Lowings and Turner (35th M. G. Coy. R.A.)	3	3	0

"B" DIVISION

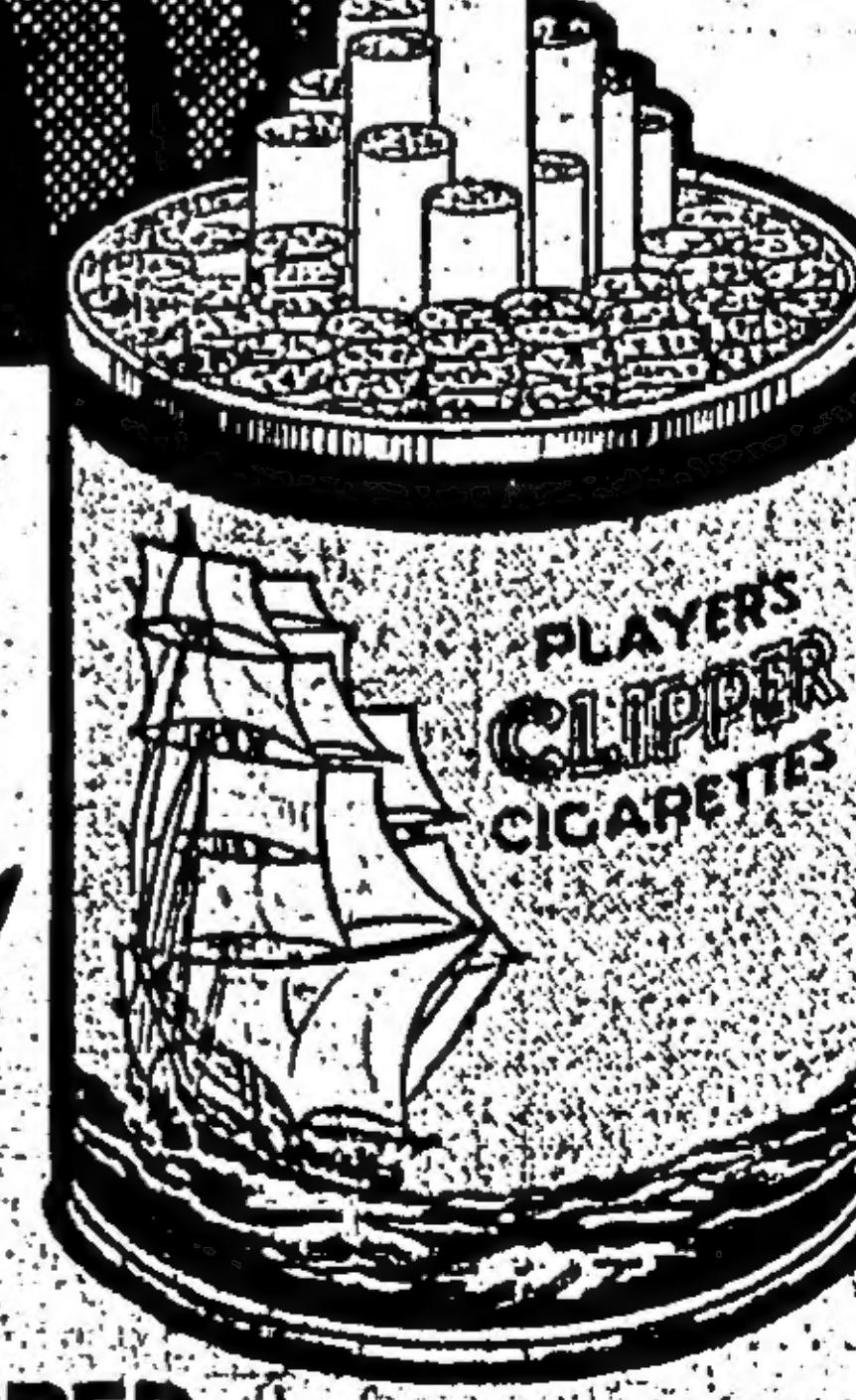
	P.	L.	W.
Rivett and Quinnell (R.E.)	6	0	6
Hamman and Thompson (24th R.A.)	6	0	6
Brakenberry and Langley (Signals)	6	1	5
Cooper and Hunter (R.A.O.C.)	6	2	4
Peters and Harding (R.A.O.C.)	6	2	4
Love and Scully (Signals)	6	2	4
Jenkins and Gilroy (R.S.)	6	2	4
Spencer and Shaw (R.E.)	6	2	4
Beaman and McMillan (24th R.A.)	3	0	3
Treeeman and Bird (R.E.)	3	0	3
Warder and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	3	0	3
Bawditch and Maynard (8th R.A.)	6	3	3
Ingleby and Reed (R.A.P.C.)	6	3	3
Bannister and Iggleden (R.A.S.C.)	6	3	3
Walton and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	1	2
Sheridan and Woodward (R.A.S.C.)	3	1	2
Graham and Green (R.S.)	6	4	2
Mills and Burdett (30th R.A.)	3	1	2

	P.	L.	W.
Wadridge and Goodenough (30th R.A.)	3	1	2
Berry and Hickie (30th R.A.)	3	1	2
Parnell and Robertson (8th R.A.)	3	1	2
Coughlin and Barracough (6th R.A.)	3	1	2
Whittaker and Morgan (6th R.A.)	3	1	2
Bird and Martin (R.E.)	3	1	2
Banham and Ward (8th R.A.)	6	4	2
Willis and Garrah (Signals)	3	2	1
King and Adams (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1
Roberts and Lucknow (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1
Stone and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1
Whelan and Danning (R.S.)	3	2	1
Anderson and Beeson (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Hammon and Newton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Thompson and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Ward and Denton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Pennington and Pinder (R.A.O.C.)	3	2	1
McMillan and Denton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Freer and Doane (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Shirlaw and Pottifer (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Goldthorpe and Stone (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Pinder and Thrush (R.A.O.C.)	3	3	0
Simpson and Fiddy (5th R.A.)	3	3	0
Wood and Sheridan (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Chalcraft and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	3	3	0
Roberts and Chalcraft (R.A.P.C.)	3	3	0
Tuckley and Calthrops (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Taylor and Downing (R.S.)	3	3	0

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RUMANIA GONE OVER?

GIGURTU A PERSONAL FRIEND OF GOERING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

THE APPOINTMENT OF M. JAN GIGURTU, RUMANIA'S BIGGEST INDUSTRIALIST AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF GOERING, AS FOREIGN MINISTER INSTEAD OF M. GAFENCU, IS A MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE.

M. Gafencu resigned apparently "to carry out an important diplomatic mission, possibly to Turkey."

Official circles declare the change will not affect Rumania's policy which is definitely set, and that Rumania will remain neutral in the present conflict.

Shortly after M. Gafencu's resignation was announced, rumours spread of the imminence of other sweeping changes in the Rumanian Cabinet, but no confirmation is available.—Havas.

IL DUCE'S MIND BELIEVED MADE UP

(Continued from Page 1) posed upon the Allies by Italy herself.—Havas.

Observers In Rome Believe War Imminent

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Foreign observers are of opinion that Italian military intervention in the war is imminent.

It is probable that Italy will make its final decision to-morrow (Tuesday) when the Cabinet meets, but no

GENERAL'S ORDER TO FRENCH COLONIAL TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

General Huntziger, commanding the French colonial troops, yesterday published the following order:

"Soldiers, the war has started, and to conquer us the enemy is trying to strike at our morale.

"The enemy relies on fear. You already know that mass attacks of the air force, however impressive, do not cause many casualties.

"Take shelter when the planes come and afterwards go back to your posts. Our aviation is protecting you.

"Tanks cannot do much against you. Let them pass and then fire at their guide, without which tanks are blind. Sooner or later tanks must be supplied.

"Don't get impressed by false rumours, and obey your seniors. Long live France!"—Havas.

move is likely to be taken before Thursday this week.

An Italian offensive will probably coincide with the German push on the French front.

Italy will probably strike first in Tunisia, and possibly Malta.

The main Italian arm is probably aviation whose activity would aim at forcing the British and French navies to concentrate in the Mediterranean.

The same observers are of opinion that the change in the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, indicating the possibility of a profound departure in Rumanian policy, may have important repercussions upon the Italian attitude.—Havas.

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From the beginning of the German offensive in the west until now, the British army in France has had an incredibly difficult and thankless part to play and has played it to perfection.

It has had to execute first a rapid advance, accomplished with a precision and degree of immunity that has testified abundantly to the organisation of the force, and then a series of strategic withdrawals imposed upon it, not by reverses on its own front but by events elsewhere . . . nor could any troops have succeeded without the utmost courage and coolness in the High Command.

These are attributes which altogether have redeemed the catastrophe.

Moreover this has not been a campaign in which a commander could count upon comparative immunity in his headquarters from hostile interference . . . the whole chapter is of one piece, including the immense improvisation which has contrived and maintained the final bridge between Dunkirk and the home country.

On this side the power of improvisation has been remarkable.

More than a word of admiration is due, not only to the staff work which has directed the miracle, but to the untiring civilian volunteers who have victualled and the railways which have transported the troops.

Under the heading "The Fiery Cross," the "Daily Telegraph" says that as the storm of the German offensive breaks on the Channel there comes to each one of us the fiery cross calling us out to sterner services. The immortal fight of our army, air force and navy in a triple unity of effort such as the world never saw until now, has roused the spirit of the British people to a new ardour of determination.

Our country will not be unworthy of the men who cut their way across Flanders and held the beaches of Dunkirk. It will put forth all its energy and resources for a swift victory of the alliance, honouring more than ever after these fires of frightfulness, the loyalty and hardihood of the French forces of every service.

To their stubborn and undaunted striking power we have a debt of honour to pay.

First of our tasks is to increase the production of aircraft, tanks, guns and all munitions . . . more labour has to be found for essential industries; every kind of plant must be so employed as to develop its maximum efficiency for the national purposes.

After declaring that the weekend lull in the fighting is a rest pause and that soon the war will spread again in its full magnitude and terror, the "Daily Express" adds we need have no fears.

For in camps and in hospitals, and in homes our returned warriors have their thumbs up. You can't meet a man from Flanders who doesn't feel that he has the measure of the modern German soldier.

Our men say 'Give us weapons and we can win the war.' Why they didn't have them before will be discovered one day.

But with Mr. Churchill at the head of the State, new men in charge of production and a new spirit in our land, the paper is confident that the gaps can be filled.—Reuter.

PUBLIC MEETING IN KOWLOON

Sir,—In response to a number of appeals, I am arranging for a public meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon on Friday of this week, at 6 p.m. to discuss ways and means of helping the British War Organisation Fund.

I hope the meeting will be a fully representative one and that a large number of people will attend.

Opportunity will also be given for constructive criticism of the present war effort in this Colony.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. HIGGS.

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